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Community and area resources -- consisting of persons, places, or objects -- gathered from the regions comprising Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Countries, are listed in this directory. Teachers, local historians, and PROBE staff identified resources which could be introduced to K-12 teachers. In addition to a brief introduction, the book contains two major chapters, the first containing lists of primary sources and cultural and educational resources in communities, arranged by county and then by business or industry, church, historical sites, libraries, local organizations, museums, public buildings, private collections and schools. Human resources include the local historian, political figures, and other significant persons. The second major chapter, a specialized section, offers listings of geological resources in the three counties; an archeological survey and description of the PROBE area; and county political structures in the PROBE areas. Appendices include additional resources, a bibliography of supplementary PROBE materials and publications, and illustrations. A related document is SO 005 973. (SJM)

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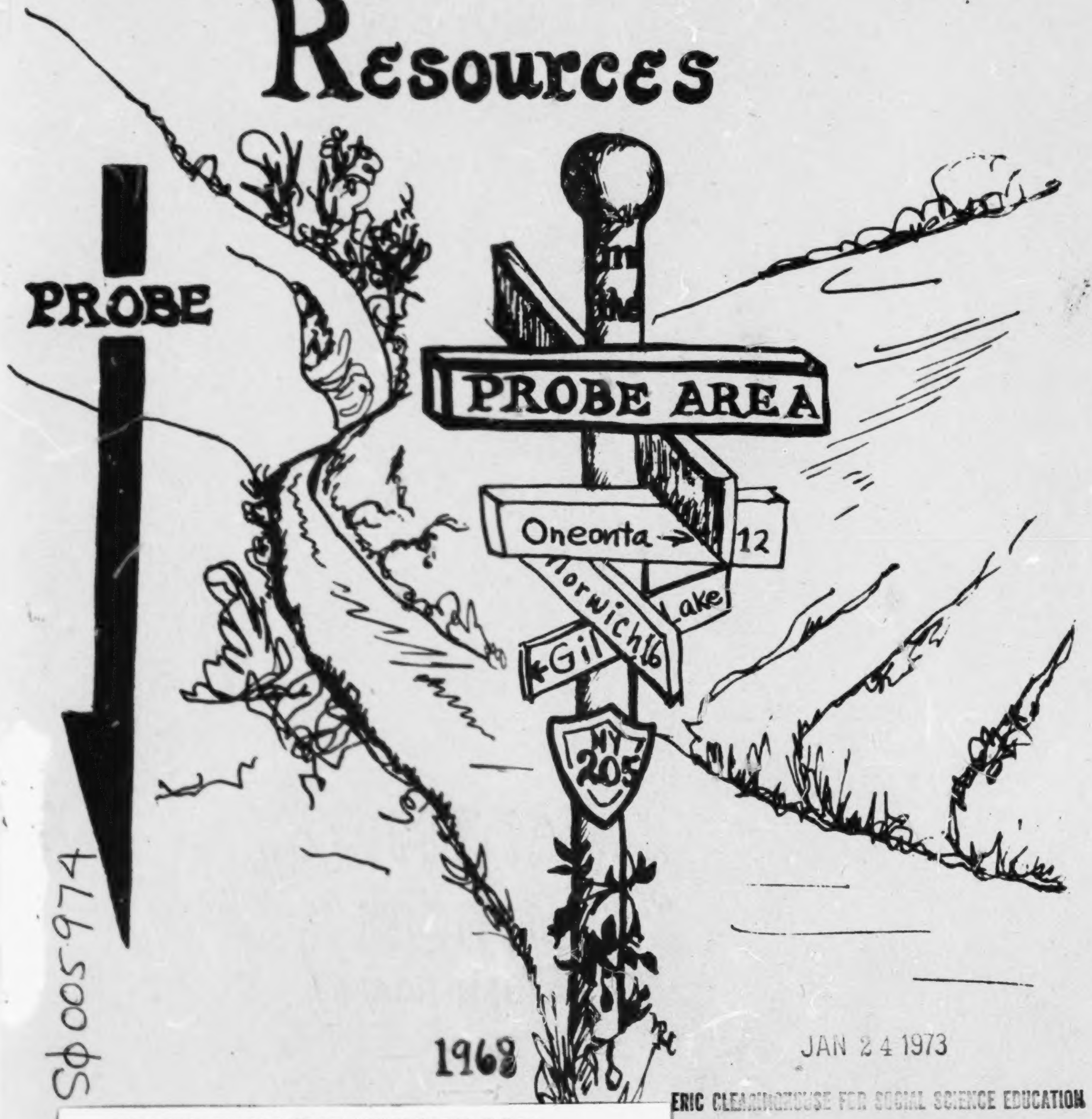
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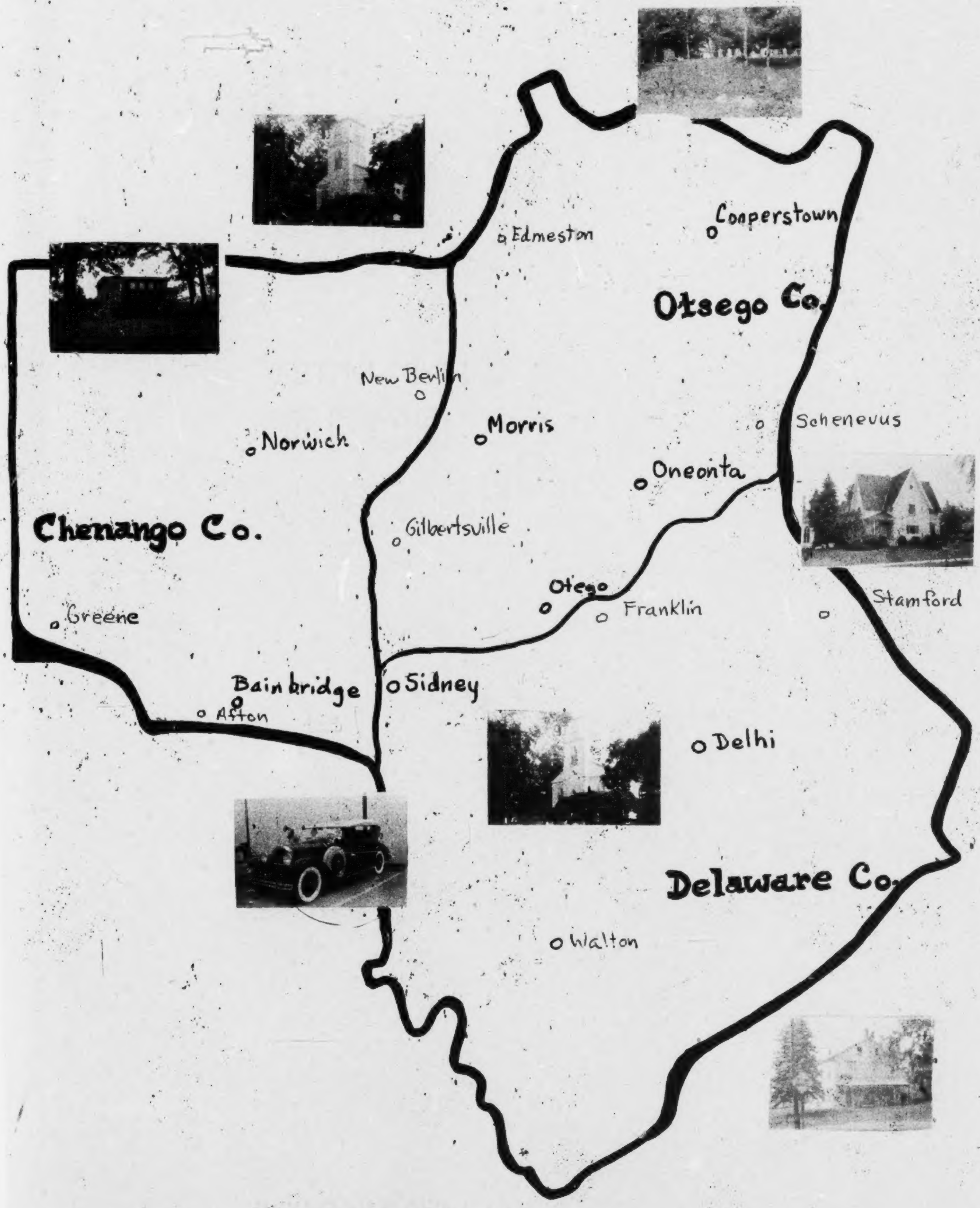
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Greene
Bainbridge
Sidney
Afton
Delhi
Delaware Co.
Walton

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the period of PROBE's Title III Planning Grant, it became increasingly apparent to staff members that a directory of community and area resources, including primary source materials, would be of great benefit to all teachers. As a result, a team of teachers and local historians was invited to join the staff in the identification of resources and the collection of pertinent data. These resources (persons, places or objects) were gathered from the region comprising Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties.

What follows is a product of the combined efforts of that group and is offered to all teachers (K-12) as an introduction to the variety of materials available rather than as a definitive listing of all area resources. Limitations imposed by time, money, and staff size precluded a complete listing, but did not prevent the team from identifying a substantial amount of resource material. The directory is intended to provide all teachers with ideas for creating lessons involving the use of these resources. The future use of such material is, of course, limitless.

Early directory planning included a format designed to be handy for teacher use. Although the directory has been issued as a stapled booklet, it was printed on punched paper for eventual transfer to a loose-leaf notebook. Thus, the inevitable corrections and the hoped for additions may be made easily. Any new findings should be reported to PROBE, which will then make such information known to all teachers through the PROBE Newsletter.

It should be noted that this directory is more than just a list of references, for it includes a number of photographs, drawings, and diagrams. These are free (as part of the Public Domain) to be reproduced in any way useful to the teachers: for example, as overhead projections or photocopies for bulletin boards and individual student use. The camera was a useful tool to those who researched the directory and may also be such to the classroom teacher and his students in developing additional materials. Another useful tool was the tape recorder. (See Appendix for a complete list of tapes made during research.) Taping human resources could make an interesting class project, as well as a worthwhile contribution to the presentation of local resources.

Many earlier PROBE produced materials may be used in studies evolving from this directory. For example, The J. Y. Brown unit, devised as a multi-media model for the use of local resources, might suggest activities or lessons. The bibliographies - Life in the Age of Homespun, Politics in the Age of Homespun, and Transportation in the Age of Homespun - might help to provide a broad background against which to study these aspects of local history. The Iron Rail might be used to give a reasonably accurate, if fictionalized, look at railroad construction through the region.

The composite newspapers, The Freeman's Journal and The Otsego Republican, offer commentary on local politics with their opposing views of the 1840 Presidential election (Martin VanBuren vs. William Henry Harrison). Several tape recordings, including the reminiscences of the late Otsego County Historian, Roy Butterfield, and Music in the Age of Homespun by Margaret Cawley, a member of the Music Department at State University College at Oneonta, are also available. Perhaps one of the most helpful supplements, at times even overlapping, is the Field Trip Guide and Map with its listings of sites and sources.

A complete list of PROBE materials, as well as copies of individual items - this directory, its pictures or tapes, for example - may be secured at cost from the Project PROBE office, 134 Old Main, State University College at Oneonta; the Rural Supplementary Educational Center, Stamford, New York; or the Curriculum Enrichment Center, Norwich, New York.

Your comments, corrections, and additions are always welcomed by the PROBE staff. Please don't hesitate to pass along any new information so that it may be passed along to all interested teachers.

CHAPTER II. PRIMARY SOURCES AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

In order to organize and categorize the material gathered by the research team, the following scheme will be used:

County Name

Category I: Cultural and Educational Resources.

BI	Business or Industry
C	Church
HS	Historical Site - old homes and buildings; monuments; cemeteries; examples of architecture; old bridges
L	Library
LO	Local Organizations
M	Museum
PB	Public Building: government building; hospitals; railroad stations
PC	Private Collections
S	School

Category II: Human Resources.

LH	Local Historian
PF	Political Figure: government officials, elected officials of all branches of government
SP	Significant Person: people with special collections, artists, musicians, writers, teachers, Clergymen, local "Story Tellers", newspaper editors, businessmen, Union men, doctors, lawyers, Judges, craftsmen, sports stars.

CHENANGO COUNTY

BI - BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

School groups intending to visit any private business listed in this Directory should make prior arrangements with that business.

BI-1

Tri-Town News
11 Division Street
Sidney, New York 13838

Although the Tri-Town News is in Delaware County, it also serves Chenango and Otsego Counties.

Mr. James M. McLachlan,
Editor and Publisher

Papers do not go too far back and some issues are missing. A good file of papers is located in the Local History Room in the Sidney Memorial Library.

Sidney Record
Est. 1882

Sidney Enterprise
Est. 1895
563-9471

The Bainbridge News
& Bainbridge Republican
Est. 1867

Combined as the Sidney Record and Bainbridge News
1959

Continuing the Unadilla Times
Est. 1854
October 4, 1967

BI-1 Cont.

Tri-Town News
January 1, 1968

Use in Newspaper office only.

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BI-2

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT CENTER
57-59 South Broad Street
Norwich, New York 13815

607-334-2771

Center includes:

- Curriculum Resource Department
- Library Materials Department
- Educational Communications Department
- Data Processing Department
- Graphic Arts Department

Contact Mr. Richard Heller, Director, for more detailed information.

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C - CHURCH

C-1

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bainbridge
New York 13733

On the Common

Built in 1831

Records of early members. Excellent for doing a study of individuals of the early history of the community.

***

C-2

ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Bainbridge
New York 13733

Church Study: 967-5982

Manse: 967-2020

Architecture - Built in 1832

Rectory - Built in 1860. Good example of Carpenter's Gothic. Some remodeling from batten boards to horizontal boards.

Church Records - May be used same as above.

Cemetery - Located in back of St. Peters Episcopal Church. Revolutionary War soldier buried here. Many early burials located in this cemetery.

***

HS - HISTORICAL SITE - Old Homes and Buildings; Monuments; Cemeteries; Examples of Architecture; Old Bridges.

HS-1

NEW BERLIN CEMETERY
South Main Street
New Berlin, New York

Monument in memory of George Washington's mother. Erected by Caleb Hall, 1897.

Has the following inscription:
MARY
THE MOTHER OF WASHINGTON

***

HS-2

PREFERRED MANOR
South Main Street
New Berlin, New York

Site of Underground Railroad stop; present wall paper in hall is copy of the original paper. Tells story of hunting expedition.

By appointment

***

HS-3

FOLLOWING COURSE OF ADAM HELMER'S RUN

1) Monument (Co. Rd. north of South Edmeston). Monument in memory of scouts who perished when sent by Col. Belinger to find out the plans of Joseph Brant. Marker shows site of Andrustown & Massacre.

2) Boulder and plaque at Andrustown where Helmer stopped to warn his sister of the coming of Brant and his Indians. Location: County road north from the four corners in Richfield Springs.

3) Fort Herkimer Church - End of Helmer's run. (Note Appendix H)

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HS-4

ALBANY-ITHACA TURNPIKE
On NYS 80
Smyrna, New York 13464

A stake driven here marked 101 miles west from Albany on the Albany-Ithaca Turnpike. Built in 1805.

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HS-5

WEST HILL - 1802
Sherburne, New York 13460

NYS 80 two miles northwest of Sherburne, on road to Smyrna.

Colonel William S. Smith, aide to Washington, owned 150,000 acres hereabout in 1791; married Abagail Adams.

Buried at rear, due north.

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HS-6

Western Oracle
Sherburne, New York 13460

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HS-6 cont.

First Newspaper in Chenango County...was published on this site in 1803 by Abraham and Nicholas Remeyn.

Located on county road at Sherburne Four Corners. However, the sign was knocked down by a snowplow and not replaced. It is now in the farmer's barn.

***

HS-7

TOWN OF LINCKLAEN
Lincklaen, New York

John B. Finch, great Temperance Orator, born here March 17, 1852.

Right worthy grand templar of the world-wide order of Good Templars, 1884-1887.

On county road 1 1/2 miles north of Linchlaen.

***

HS-8

TOWN OF MC DONOUGH
McDonough, New York

Set off from town of Preston April 17, 1816. Named for Commodore Thomas McDonough, 1783-1825.

On NYS 220 at McDonough.

Settlers of McDonough - first permanent settlers: Sylvannus Moore, Neh. Dunbar, Benjamin Ketcham, Benjamin Kenyon, Henry Ludlow, and Ebh. Fish.

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HS-9

DEACON TOWNE
North on town road 2 miles northeast of McDonough.

Came with pioneers from New England and held first Religious services here in Log Cabins. Buried on former Michael and Daniel Pike farm south of Fence.

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HS-10

TOWN OF NEW BERLIN
New Berlin, New York 13411

On NYS 8, North Main Street

John P. Usher, Secretary of the Interior under Abraham Lincoln practiced law on this site in company with John Hyde.

1837-1839.

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HS-11

ANSON BURLINGAME
Born November 14, 1820 in New Berlin, New York.

U. S. Minister to China under President Lincoln.

New Berlin was first settled about 1790.

(On plaque on boulder in front of library. Route 8, South Main Street.)

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HS-12

DANIEL SCRIBNER"S HOME
On NYS 8, about 2 miles south of New Berlin.

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HS-12 cont.

Built in 1790, first house in 16th township.

Large, log building used as Trading Post and for town meetings.

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HS-13

UNADILLA RIVER
Lands west of River ceded to New York State Indians in a treaty made by Gov. George Clinton at Fort Schuyler, September 22, 1788.

(On NYS 8 about two miles north of New Berlin)

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L - LIBRARY

L-1

GUERNSEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
7 Court Street
Norwich, New York 13815

334-4034

Old Newspapers:
Republican Agriculturist
(Dec. 10, 1818, Mar., 1829)
Anti-Masonic Telegraph
(4-6-1829--3-25-1835)
Chenango Telegraph
(4-1-1835--4-11-1865)
(1872--1876)
The Telegraph & Chronicle
(4-1-1868--3-18-1871)
Chenango Semi-Weekly Tele.
(1-3-1877--3-23-1904)
Norwich Evening Telegraph
(1879)
Chenango Telegraph
(3-26-1904--6-29-1904)
Morning Sun
(5-16-1891--3-15-1904)
Norwich Sun
(3-16-1904--7-31-1961)
Evening Sun
(8-1-1961--present)

Genealogies
Norwich
Chenango County

Old Newspapers have been put on microfilm. There are some missing issues; however, there is a great deal of material here for getting data on Norwich and Chenango County.

Microfilm and old newspapers may be used in the library only.

At present microfilm can only be used by adults.

Unpublished manuscripts prepared by the D.A.R.

L-1 cont.

These data may only be used in the Local History Room of the library.

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L-2

NEW BERLIN LIBRARY
South Main Street
New Berlin, New York 13411

Small museum: Carr dishes are in the museum plus other items of early days; material on Anson Burlingame (first Ambassador to China under Lincoln). Marker in his memory in front of the library.

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LO - LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

LO-1

CHENANGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Pauline Tyler
Sec-Mgr Fair
Association

334-4339

Minutes of Chenango Agricultural Society...Records go back to 1847 when first fair opened.

Use in office of Sec-Mgr of Fair Association.

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M - MUSEUM

M-1

NATHAN TAYLOR YORKER MUSEUM
Main Street
South New Berlin, New York
13843

Mrs. Grace Johnson, Sponsor

859-2228

6 rooms filled with exhibits - Located above the library.

Memorabilia:

Old Unadilla-Valley Railroad hand car.

One room with display of old valuable dishes. (18th Century)

A room with display of farm implements.

Room with Civil War artifacts and Diorama.

Room with old school district text books and school district record books.

Room with local Indian artifacts.

Parlor contains old victrola and records.

There is a room displaying sewing and washing equipment.

There is a clock that was in the old Commercial Hotel.

125 year old mouse trap; also old sporting equipment-snowshoes, etc.

Shown by appointment - Yorkers are cooperative and desirous of showing the museum.

***

PB - PUBLIC BUILDING: Government Building; Hospitals; Railroad Stations.

PB-1

NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION
DEPT. (ROGERS NATURE EDUCATION
CENTER)
Rt. 80, Sherburne, New York

Mr. John Weeks, Dir.
607-674-2611 or 607-674-9251

1 1/2 - 3 hour conducted field trip.

Bird and animal (water) sanctuary. Nature trails sponsored by Rotary, Audubon, Federal Wild Life and Conservation Dept. Building for lectures, study, observation ready by Nov. 1967. Biology stressed by lectures since Dir. was formerly Professor in the subject at Oswego State University.

All grade levels

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PC - PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

PC-1

PAPERS ON PRE-COLUMBIAN INDIANS IN NEW YORK

Columbus, New York

Central New York Archeological Society

Mercian Whitney

The Central New York Archeological Society has on file a number of treaties on the Pre Columbian Indians of New Yor State.

These papers are excellent for those doing research on the early Indians of New York located in the area of central New York.

They also have a traveling library of over 400 items, 50 of which are from their own society.

There are many private collections of Indian artifacts owned by the members of this fine group of amateur archeologists.

Contact Mr. Whitney.

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PC-2

POTTERY

Harold Doyle
59 E. State Street
Sherburne, New York 13460

607-674-2161

Pottery made by the Hart Family - 1800-1878.

PC-2 cont.

Mr. Doyle, former Supervisor from Sherburne, New York, has been collecting pottery made by the Hart Family for many years and has developed a big private collection. Although Mr. Doyle has stated that he is not a lecturer, he does a very good job of telling about the pottery industry carried on by the Hart's in the community of Sherburne. He will also show his private collection with his talks.

Suggest Mr. Doyle be used as a speaker for the Age of Homespun---7th grade.

Decline of the Hart Pottery Industry in Sherburne, New York.

Shown by appointment.

***

LH - LOCAL HISTORIAN

Call for appointment unless otherwise stated.

LH & PC-1

MRS. GRACE JOHNSON
RD. 2
South New Berlin, New York
13843

859-2228

Fine slide collection on Unadilla Valley Railroad.

Technique of maintaining old cemeteries:
- Holmesville Cemetery
- Whitestore Cemetery
- Palmer Rich Cemetery

Collection of data and memorabilia of the Medbury Family, early settlers of South New Berlin. Data is arranged in chronological order and is based on letters and diaries of the Medbury Family.

Mrs. Johnson also has a great deal of data on South New Berlin that can be of great value to those doing historical research in this area.

Call for an appointment.

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LH-2

FRED P. FOSTER
Main Street
Afton, New York 13730

Township - Afton

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LH-3

MRS. FRANCES ROBBINS
RD. 1
Sherburne, New York 13460

LH-3 cont.

Township - Columbus

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LH-4

CATHERINE M. BICKFORD
RD. 1
Greene, New York 13778

Township - Coventry

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LH-5

MRS. GLADYS HUNTLY
RD. 1
Cincinnatus, New York 13040

Township - German

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LH-6

MRS. MILDRED C. FOLSOM
22 Coventry Rd.
Greene, New York 13778

Township - Greene

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LH-7

MRS. ETHEL GRABOW
Guilford, New York 13780

Township - Guilford

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LH-8

WILLIAM HAYDEN
McDonough, New York 13801

Township - McDonough

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LH-9

MRS. LEONARD JONES
North Norwich, New York
13814

Township - North Norwich

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LH-10

CLIFFORD BURLINGAME
RD. 2
Norwich, New York 13815

Township - Norwich

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LH-11

MRS. ADELLA MUISE
South Otselic, New York
13155

Township - Otselic

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LH-12

GEORGE ORTIZ
RD. 1
McDonough, New York 13801

Township - Pharsalia

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LH-13

MRS. RUTH EVANS
RD.
Cincinnatus, New York 13040

Township - Pitcher

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LH-14

MRS. LEO CUSHMAN
Plymouth, New York 13832

Township - Plymouth

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LH-15

MRS. RUTH BLIVEN
RD. 2
Box 118 B
Oxford, New York 13830

Township - Preston

Mrs. Bliven has material but it is not yet organized. Much of her material on the early history of the region came from Chenango County Directory dated 1869-70 and from History of Madison & Chenango Counties.

She relates many little known facts such as the nickname for North Pharsalia -- "Skunk's Misery" and that East Pharsalia is known locally as "Podunk".

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LH-16

MRS. E. P. SMITH
17 Union Street
Sherburne, New York 13460

Township - Sherburne

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LH-17

MISS FANNIE NELSON
RD. 2
Smithville Flats, New York
13841

Township - Smithville

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LH-18

MRS. MARY FARGO
Smyrna, New York 13464

Township - Smyrna

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LH-19

MRS. ROSAMOND BRADDOCK
106 North Broad Street
Norwich, New York 13815

Township - City of Norwich

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LH-20

MRS. ETHEL EDWARDS
35 South Street
Edmeston, New York 13335

965-8690

Town historian; Source of information concerning Adam Helmer; Carr Farm; Dutch Valley history of town and village of Edmeston; many pictures; original map of Edmeston grant - date of map is 1805.

Call for an appointment

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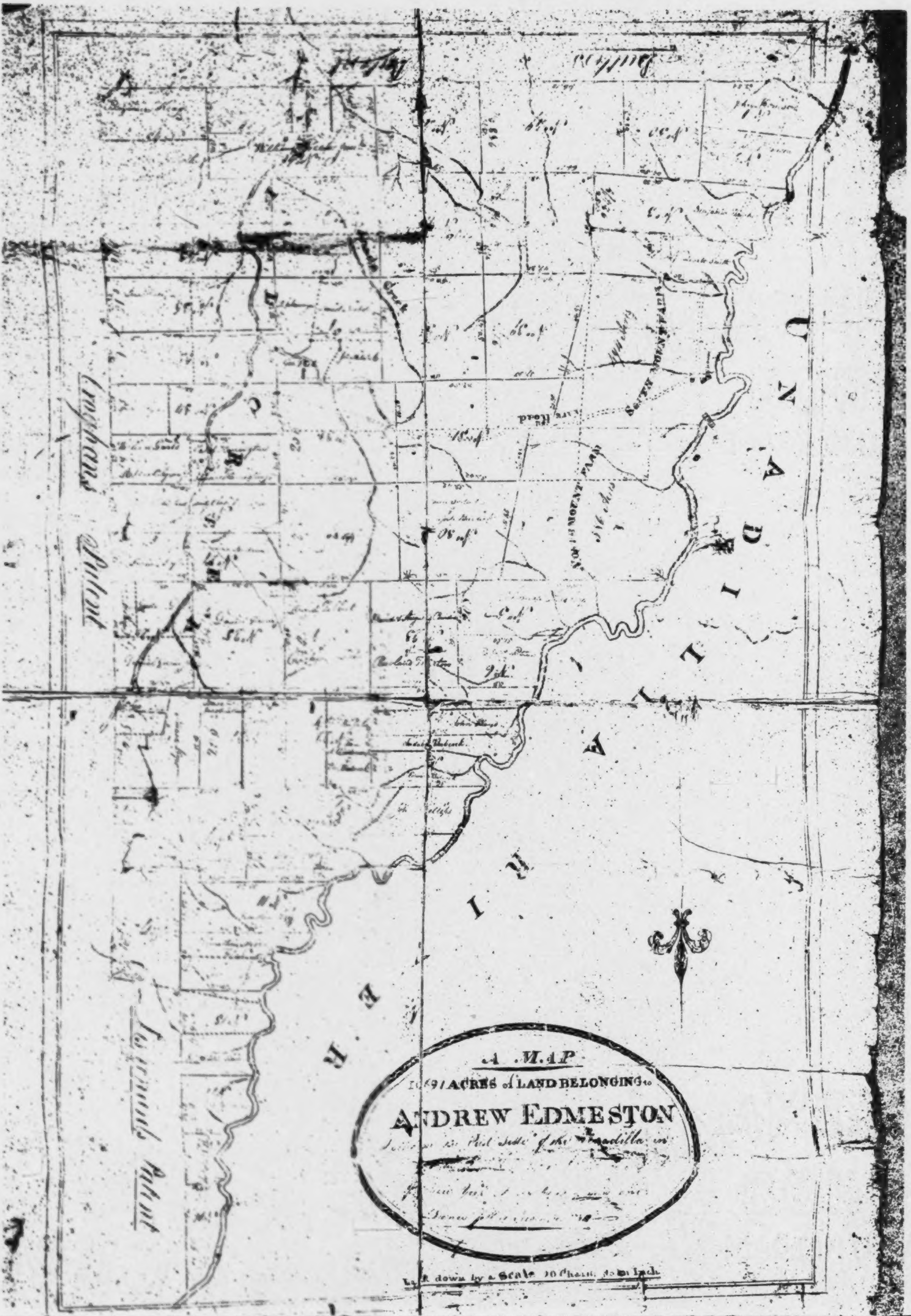
A MAP
1691 ACRES of LAND BELONGING to
ANDREW EDMESTON
on the ... side of the Unadilla in
Laid down by a Scale 20 Chains to an Inch
UNADILLA RIVER
Butlers
Croghans Patent

PF - POLITICAL FIGURE,- Government Officials;
Elected Officers of all Branches of Government.

PF & SP-1

JOSEPH BENENATI
West Park Place
Norwich, New York 13815

607-334-2000

Chenango County Sheriff

Mr. Benenati is the man to see to view the old Chenango County records located in the basement of the old County Clerk's office now part of the Sheriff's office.

Records go back to 1800 many of which are filed in blue record boxes with the dates on front. Papers are dusty and should be handled with care.

Other records are in old ledger books, etc.

Sheriff Benenati is quite interested in the history of Chenango County and can prove to be very helpful in gathering data about the county.

There is a vast wealth of material in the basement storage rooms.

Researchers should wear old clothes and be prepared to get covered with dust.

Memorabilia on Early Chenenago County hangings.

Call for an appointment

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PF-2

MRS. MAXINE HORSTMAN
New Berlin, New York 13411

847-9121

Town Clerk for town of Columbus -- has wealth of material; has been on radio; has minutes of town meetings from early 1800's. Willing to be interviewed for a tape recording.

Knowledgeable about town's old buildings: Columbus Town Hall (1814), Community Church (1847), Miller Home, hotel (1830), and store (part dates back to 1805).

Call for an appointment

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PF-3

MRS. DRAKE
Lincklaen, New York

Town Clerk for town of Lincklaen.

Has town meeting notes.

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SP - SIGNIFICENT PERSON - People with Special Collections; Artists; Musicians; Writers; Teachers; Clergymen; Local "Story Tellers", Newspaper Editors; Businessmen; Union Men; Doctors; Lawyers; Judges; Craftsmen; Sports Stars.

SP-1

WILLIAM WECKEL
17 Savitch Rd.
Binghamton, New York 13901

RA2-5408

Chenango Valley High School

The Chenango Canal: Illustrated slide lecture of the Old Chenango Canal:
1) Its origin
2) Engineering
3) Route
4) Economic effect
5) Cultural effect
6) Its abandonment
7) The canal today
8) Canal Buffs

Can be used by any community in the Chenango Valley.

Mr. Weckel can stress a particular area along the route of the canal.

Lecture can be as short as one-half hour or two and one-half hours. Time is allowed for a question and answer period.

By appointment

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SP-2

MRS. DANIEL HALL
RD. 2
Sherburne, New York 13460

674-4242 (Library)

SP-2 cont.

Spinning With The Great Wheel:
Shearing the sheep.
Cleaning the wool.
Carding the wool.
Spinning the wool.
Knitting the yarn.

Mrs. Hall takes you through the whole process of the home industry of making wool goods from the beginning to the finished product.

The whole family is involved in the process, the mother, the father, and the two daughters.

This family has appeared at many fairs, and craft shows.

They do an excellent job of explaining what they are doing and answer all questions that are asked about the process.

Examples of knitted goods.

Family dresses in the style of the 1800's.

Available for lectures and demonstrations.

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SP & PC-3

STAN GIBSON
West Main Street
Norwich, New York 13815

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SP & PC-3 cont.

Norwich Junior High School

607-334-3611

Archeological Digs
1) Iroquois Indian sites
2) Finding the site
3) What to look for
4) Permission to work at the site
5) The tedious work of digging
6) Recording your findings
7) Marking the objects found
8) What do the findings reveal
9) What to do with the artifacts
10) Importance of records

Mr. Gibson is an earth science teacher at the Norwich Junior High School and a member of the Central New York Archeology Society.

Mr. Gibson has spent many years digging at the Iroquois Indian sites and has gathered a great deal of data which has become very valuable in the study of Indian culture.

His collection of Iroquois artifacts is quite valuable today, especially for those who wish to study the culture of the Iroquois and learn how to mark artifacts.

Mr. Gibson can prove to be a very important person to those who wish to establish an archeological dig.

On certain occasions he is available for lectures and work on Archeology digs. (Iroquois)

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SP-4

MRS. NORMA JENNINGS
7457 Thunderbird Rd,
Liverpool, New York 13088

Mrs. Jennings has a vast amount of materials on covered bridges that she has been collecting for the past ten years:
Vermont
New Hampshire
Connecticut
Massachusetts
Rhode Island
Ohio
Indiana
West Virginia
New York

All pictures and slides are carefully annotated.

These data are the most up to date materials on covered bridges noted by this researcher who is a covered bridge buff.

A great deal of time has been spent gathering information on each bridge studied and photographed.

Mrs. Jennings has been doing a great deal of research on the covered bridges in New York and has an excellent collection of pictures and slides of the bridges already studied.

Bridge styles and builders have also been noted.

This collection is excellent for the Age of Homespun -- 7th Grade.

Available for lectures.

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SP-5

THOMAS NATOLI
City Engineer
Municipal Building
East Main Street
Norwich, New York 13815

A good file of maps dating from 1900. Although dealing with public utilities and tax information these maps can be of value in locating buildings and other data relating to the building being studied.

A good source person on future planning for Norwich.

Interested in local history.

Contact at office of the City Engineer, Municipal Building, East Main Street, Norwich, New York.

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SP-6

THOMAS F. LLOYD
170 North Broad Street
Norwich, New York 13815

607-334-3611

Illustrated lectures:
The Farmers Year
The Women's World
Growing up in Homespun
Crossroads of Yesterday
Village Callings
Architecture and the Local Community

These lectures deal with the Age of Homespun and in most cases are aimed at the agrarian way of life in Chenango County. A multi-media approach is used in the illustrated lecture.

SP-6 cont.

Lectures can cover a 20 minute period of time or a two and one-half hour period of time.

Seminars may also be arranged with the aim of working in a special community.

Two tapes dealing with the Chenango Canal:
1) Mr. Albert Phillips - Its influence on the Chenango Valley
2) Mr. William Weckel - Its rise and decline, slide lecture

By appointment only

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SP-7

MRS. HAROLD SMITH, CURATOR
Rexford Street
Norwich, New York 13815

Chenango County Historical Society Museum.

No museum phone, call 607-334-7187

Collection on:
- Spinning and Weaving
- Old tools
- General Store
- Transportation
- Art
- Homemaking
- Religion
- Library of rare old books of Chenango County
- A fine collection of old maps of the County
- O & W Railroad collection
- Dishes
- Heavy Farm implements
- Fine collection of old quilts

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SP-7 cont.

This museum seems to be one of the better ones in New York. It is fairly well equipped with memorabilia donated by the people of the county.

Kits are being put together to be loaned to schools in the county.

Speakers are available to talk on the various aspects of the early history of Chenango County.

Lectures are held periodically and are noted in the local newspapers.

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SP-8

FAY PALMITER
Sherburne, New York 13460

Route 12, north edge of Sherburne.

Sherburne CR4-2679

Mr. Palmiter is an antique dealer but has a very fine collection of pictures pertaining to the history of Sherburne and Columbus. He also has some excellent scrap books. Mr. Palmiter has pictures and data concerning the Stencil House at the Shelburne, Vermont, Museum -- came from Columbus, New York.

He has a fine miniature hop box. Another interesting item is a hand-made boot jack dated 1792.

Mr. Palmiter is more than glad to share his material. However, it is wise to arrange an appointment.

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SP-9

FLOYD WILBUR
Genesee Street
New Berlin, New York 13411

847-4091

Authority on history of New Berlin and surrounding area. Author of two books. Most of material is quite accurate.

Book in New Berlin Library.

Contact at his home for an appointment. Most willing to assist anyone.

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SP-10

MRS. MABEL HAGEN
Former historian for town of Pitcher - now in nursing home in Cincinnatus.

Mrs. Hagen wrote, The History of Pitcher Springs, a copy of which is in the Sherburne Library. She is interesting as she relates isolated facts concerning objects such as the log pump found on their farm; the tombstone of Col. Nathaniel Pitcher found in the cellar.

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SP-11

THEODORE WHITNEY
New Berlin, New York 13411

Authority on geology and Indian artifacts. Member of

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SP-11 cont.

a geology club.

By appointment, as he is a teacher.

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SP-12

MRS. COOPER
Lincklaen, New York

Knows great deal about the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Church was built in early 1800's. Original stained glass windows and carpet. Church contains oil painting by Mrs. Ina Staley - 74 years old. Self-taught artist. Paints with oil. Pictures tell a story. "Grandma Moses" type of person.

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SP-13

MRS. LAURA DE LEE
DeRuyter, New York 13052

Writes for Syracuse Post Standard and Cortland papers. She is a good source, but is more interested in happenings in Madison County. Her information on Mueller Hill would be very interesting for a class to tape.

She writes human interest stories each week for the papers. Mrs. DeLee has many interesting stories to tell:

1) Story of monument in field with laurel carved on it.

2) Stories of the Underground Railroad.

3) Story of her father who found a secret passage in their house. In the passage he also found equipment for making counterfeit money for which that area of Chenango-Madison counties was once famous. The money was mostly made in the Lincklaen Hills.

4) Story of the little girl and her brother who were attacked by a bear on the way to school but were saved by an Indian.

5) Story of gold mine - "Passenbronder" - near Mueller Hill. Real Gold!

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SP-14

MRS. CARRIE CALMAN
Sherburne, New York 13460

Genealogist - village of Sherburne.

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DELAWARE COUNTY

BI - BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

School groups intending to visit any private business listed in this Directory should make prior arrangements with that business.

BI-1

ANDES COOPERATIVE CREAMERY
Cabin Hill Road
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3185

Milk and milk products. One of the largest in Delaware County.

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BI-2

SEAGER FAIRBARIN
Arkville, New York 12406

914-586-4037

Carpenter and saw mill.

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BI-3

ERPF'S COVERED BRIDGES
Dry Brook Road
Arkville, New York 12406

On Armand G. Erpf Estate.

914-586-4906

(1) Built 1964 - 30 foot private
(2) 1966 - 210 foot, 3 1/2 foot wide, 14 spans

Private Bridges - contact for tour.

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BI-4

PARNETT PACKING PLANT
River Road
Bloomville, New York 13739

607-538-4240

Meat Products

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BI-5

KELLY STORAGE BUILDING
Main Street
Bloomville, New York 13739

607-538-7548

Mr Reginald Kelly

Was early mill (race still there), then loan opera house, now storage building.

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BI-6

BURN-LOU CENTURY FARM
Crescent Valley Road
Bovina Center, New York 13740

607-832-4314

Harold and Mary Lounsbury

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BI-7

MIDDLETOWN MILK AND CREAM
(DELWOOD)
Fraser, New York 13753

3 miles below Delhi on Rt. 10.

Contact Mr. Owen Pilgrim to make arrangements.

Student visits welcomed.

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BI-8

The Deposit Courier
Front Street
Courier Building
Deposit, New York 13754

Newspaper produced in cooperation with the Deposit Chamber of Commerce, a very informative pamphlet entitled Deposit, New York. Includes a local history and a directory of local businesses and industry.

(On file at PROBE Office.)

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BI-9

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
Main Street
Downsville, New York 13755

Clippings from local newspaper: Downsville News. Not operating now - since April 25, 1946.

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BI-10

THE WILLIAMSON VENEER CO., INC.
Wagner Avenue
Fleischmanns, New York 12430

914-254-5454

One of the largest Veneer companies in the State.

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BI-11

LAKE SWITZERLAND
Fleischmanns, New York 12430

North off Rt. 28

Water sports area.

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BI-12

THEATRE BUILDING
Main Street
Fleischmanns, New York

914-254-5785

Mr. Robert Lustig

Antiques, ancient and primitive art, wood and stone carvings.

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BI-13

NICKERSON GROVE
Near Gilboa Dam, 3 miles from Grand Gorge, New York 12434

518-588-7327

Mr. Ford Nickerson

Collection of rocks and fossils.

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BI-14

Hancock Herald
Hancock, New York 13783

Local newspaper dates back to 1870's. On file in Read Library.

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BI-15

BELLEAYRE CHAIR LIFT & SKI CENTER
Highmount

914-254-5601

Operates in summer and fall for Mt. View.

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BI-16

REED'S HIDEOUT
Gun House Hill Road
Hobart, New York 13788

Off Rt. 10 in Hobart, between Hobart and West Harpersfield.

607-538-3348

Charles Reed

Collection of Books.

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BI-17

GRAHAM LABORATORIES
Pearl Street
Hobart, New York 13788

607-538-7191

East of Hobart on south side of West Branch Delaware River.

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BI-18

"PRAIRIE HILLS" MARTIN FARM
Kortright Station
New York

Turn east on McArthur Road, about 3 miles north of Bloomville on County Road No. 33.

607-278-5857

Lloyd Martin

Round Barn - built 1883 - 320 foot circumference, 100 foot diameter. Three floors, 53 feet high at center.

Open to visitors. Mr. Martin is very willing to give history and show groups around.

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BI-19

RED BARN SUGAR CAMP
South Kortright, New York 13842

1/2 mile off Rt. 23, 6 miles west of Stamford.

518-652-2071

Paul and Doris Waterman

Call for appointment.

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BI-20

HEGEMAN FARMS CORPORATION (CREAMERY)
Kortright Station
New York

607-278-2430

One of few creameries left.

Ulster and Delaware Railroad was behind the house, now torn down.

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BI-21

DEPENDABLE STEEL RULE DIE MANUFACTURER
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-2811

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BI-22

MARGARETVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-2611

Mr. Keene Roadman, Vice President and Manager

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BI-23

Catskill Mountain News
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-2601

Mr. Rosell R. Sanford

Newspaper has back issues.

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BI-24

OBY'S ANTIQUES
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-4076

Five buildings full of antiques.

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BI-25

WAKE ROBIN BIRD SANCTUARY
Vega Road
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-7753

BI-25 Cont.

Mr. Bruce Caswell

Bird trails, records of bird calls, films.

Open to public.

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BI-26

KIRKSIDE
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

Next to Jay Gould Memorial Reform Church.

518-326-2351

Herbert and Alice Schmalzreidt, Managers.

Home for retired Reformed Church of America laymen, ministers and missionaries. Home is 90 years old.

Individuals and groups always welcome to tour, entertain, or talk with the residents.

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BI-27

DELAWARE COUNTY DAIRIES
State Road
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-2961

Creamery.

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BI-28

MERIDALE FARMS
Meridale, New York

On Rt. 28, just south of hamlet.

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BI-28 cont.

Was internationally known for breeding and sale of Guernsey cattle.

Farm now raises Jersey cattle.

Has large creamery.

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BI-29

TIMBERLAND MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
Stamford, New York 12167

Rt. 23, east of Stamford.

518-652-7561

Make "Brix" and Charcoal "Briquets".

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BI-30

COLLETTE MANUFACTURING CO.
7 Prospect Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7212

Footballs assembled in old school. Was Stamford Seminary, began 1851; later Union Free School. Present building is enlarged.

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BI-31

AUDIOSEARS CORPORATION
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7305

BI-31 Cont.

Mr. G. Vicary Mahler, Manager

Deal with electronics, makes & assembles small electronic parts.

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BI-32

PROSPECT DAIRY
111 Main Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7308

Creamery

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BI-33

MAPLE KITCHEN
On Rt. 10 between Stamford and Jefferson, New York

518-652-6221

Maple sugar and products made and served.

Call for appointment.

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BI-34

CATSKILL CRAFTSMEN, INC.
West End Avenue
Stamford, New York

518-652-7321

Makes bookcases for encyclopedia company.

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BI-35

CAULIFLOWER FARM AND PACKING HOUSE
Rt. 23
Stamford, New York 12167

Between Stamford and Grand Gorge.

518-652-4400

Mr. George K. Todd

Available for school tours.

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BI-36

STAMFORD PACKING CO., INC.
Township Road
Stamford, New York 12167

518-538-3311

J. Wickham and Son

Cauliflower packers.

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BI-37

DELAWARE MERCANTILE CO., INC.
Railroad Avenue
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7265

Mr. Herbert Trappenbury, President.

Importers.

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BI-38

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE
Jefferson Road
Stamford, New York 12167

On road to Jefferson, Rt. 10

BI-38 Cont.

518-652-7364

Mr. John Gould

Call for appointment.

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BI-39

STAMFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
Stamford, New York

518-652-7312

Built in 1959 with 37 beds, now has 46 beds.

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BI-40

Stamford Mirror-Recorder
7 Harper Street
Stamford, New York 12167

Corner of junction of Rt. 23 and Main Street

518-652-7303

Mr. Charles Ryder, Jr.

In 1851, Bloomville Mirror began as election results sheet. Have back issues.

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BI-41

TAYLOR SUGAR CAMP
Mt. Jefferson Road
Stamford, New York 12167

Between Stamford and Jefferson on Rt. 10 (Signs)

518-652-5331

Mr. Henry Dayton

Process explained and shown.

School groups welcomed.

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BI-42

BANLON'S STORE
Main Street
Treadwell, New York

Dates back to 1901. Contains ledgers and records back to the 1800's.

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BI-43

W.D.L.A. RADIO STATION
Walton, New York 13856

Contact for appointment.

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BI-44

BREAKSTONE FOODS
267 Delaware Street
Walton, New York 13856

607-865-4155

Food division of Natural Dairy Products Corporation.

Contact for appointment.

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C - CHURCH

C-1

ANDES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

914-586-4410

Original church founded in 1794. Built in 1863.

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C-2

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
3 miles East of Delhi on
Rt. 10, close to Frisbee
House

Cemetery dates back to 1800's

View from outside.

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C-3

THE FERGUSONVILLE CHURCH
Fergusonville, New York

North side of County Road No. 9 in Fergusonville.

Former Methodist Church, now closed.

Owned (and being restored) by Delaware County Historical Association.

Built in 1836, added to back in 1869 (original stain glass windows also.

Open by appointment.

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C-4

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Franklin, New York 13775

Built by UpJohn 1865

Finished in native chestnut, beams in native pine, sawed on up-and-down saw.

Gothic in style.

Open for public view.

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C-5

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-4101

Rev. Davio Bach for information

$5,000 each for stain glass windows in 1890. Priceless today. Built in 1894.

Any member will give a tour.

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C-6

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Treadwell, New York

Mrs. Barlow (noted as SP) has a history of the church.

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C-7

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Walton, New York

Oldest original church.

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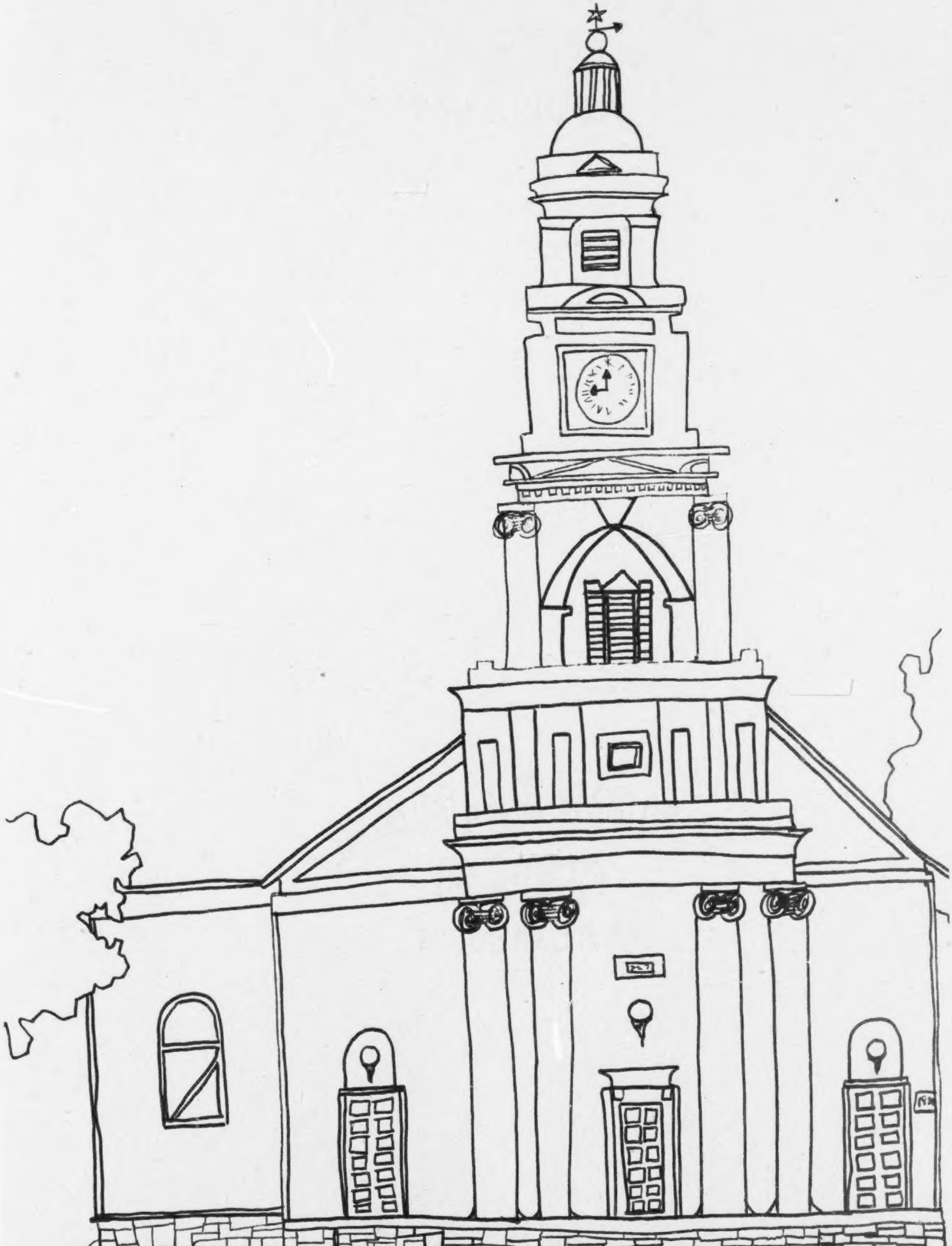

C-8

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Walton, New York 13856

Old Church, 1834.

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HS - HISTORICAL SITE - Old Homes and Buildings; Monuments; cemeteries, Examples of Architecture; Old Bridges

HS-1

OLD DR. CRAWFORD'S HOUSE
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3241

Mrs. Helen Westerling

One of the oldest in Andes.

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HS-2

ANDES UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Delaware Avenue
Andes, New York 13731

Built in 1848, cost $1800, same structure.

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HS-3

ANDES CEMETERY
Andes, New York

On outskirts of village on Rt. 10.

Dr. Frisbee's project fountain and well kept.

Another enclosed cemetery - Dowe Cemetery.

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HS-4

DRUSKONIE HALL
Andes, New York 13731

On hill (sign) off Rt. 10 behind cemetery.

914-676-4661

1860's bought butter and sold to city - became very wealthy.

Home now boarding place.

Burned, partially rebuilt.

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HS-5

BRANCH OF DELAWARE AND NORTHERN RAILROAD STATION
Cabin Hill Road (County Road 2)
Andes, New York 13731

Now used as storage garage.

Built in 1905.

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HS-6

BRUCE HOMESTEAD
Delaware Avenue
Andes, New York 13731

On Rt. 28 as entering town on right. 2nd from school.

Miss Bessie Bruce is granddaughter of late Dr. Bruce.

Rev. James Bruce - 1864-1910 Pastor of United Presbyterian Church. He printed first newspaper on hand press in 1866. Weekly - Andes Recorder.

HS-6 Cont.

This original press will be given to Delaware County Historical Association.

First telegraph operator in Andes - sent and received from this house.

Son was a Lt. Governor of New York State - Lynn Bruce.

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HS-7

LYNN BRUCE HOME
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

Built in second half of 1800's.

Lynn Bruce was Lt. Governor of New York State.

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HS-8

CABIN HILL CHURCH
Cabin Hill Road
Andes, New York 13731

On top of mountain, six miles from Andes on right.

Pre-Civil War.

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HS-9

REV. JAMES LAING HOME
Cabin Hill Road
Andes, New York 13731

Across from Creamery.

He came to Andes in 1838.

Not in use.

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HS-10

HUNTING HOTEL
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

Up and coming hotel during Anti-rent War.

Presently has apartments.

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HS-11

MUNROE FARM
Old State Road
Andes, New York 13731

Settled in 1825.

Land still owned by John Munroe.

No building standing.

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HS-12

METHODIST PARSONAGE
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

Next to church.

914-586-4410

Built in 1861.

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HS-13

STATE HIGHWAY MARKER - ANTI-RENT WAR
Andes, New York

On County Road 1, one and a half miles south of Andes.

On Moses Earle Farm (1845)

Says "1 mile to scene of tragedy where Undersheriff Osman N. Steel was slain by Anti-Renters, Aug 7, 1845".

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HS-14

ANDES PARK & WAR VETERANS
MEMORIAL ROCK
Main Street
Andes, New York

Next to Library

Names inscribed. Revolutionary War; War of 1812; Civil War; Spanish American War; World War I; World War II.

Dr. Jay D. Frisbee is responsible for park and rock, cemetery vault for winter services.

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HS-15

ARKVILLE CEMETERY
Three-fourths mile north of
Arkville on County Road 38
on East side.

Early cemetery.

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HS-16

NEW YORK CENTRAL ULSTER AND
DELAWARE RAILROAD STATION
Arkville Station
New York

Still standing.

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HS-17

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY
Bloomville, New York

Turn south at fire house in Bloomville.

Ralph Dibble, Caretaker

Very interesting early gravestones (1814, 1817, 1820).

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HS-18

SHEFFIELD CREAMERY
Bloomville, New York

Just east of Bloomville on South side of Rt. 10.

607-538-7051

Lawrence Peletz

Now occupied by the Peletz Auto Body Works.

Site of pilot plant which did the first bottled pasteurizing of milk in the United States.

Present owner has information and pictures.

Former worker lives next door, also has information.

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HS-19

CEMETERY
Bovina Center, New York

One-half mile east of Bovina Center.

First burial was in 1805-06.

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HS-20

CAPE HORN POINT CEMETERY
Cape Horn Road, North off
Route 6.

Dates from 1800.

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HS-21

BOVINA CEMETERY
Bovina, New York

Dates from 1790's - 1800.

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HS-22

PLANK HOUSE
Main Street
Bovina Center, New York 13740

Oldest house in Bovina Center.

607-832-4206

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HS-23

CHARLOTTEVILLE CEMETERY
Charlotteville, New York

Short distance from the Main street and contains many early stones.

Well kept.

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HS-24

CHARLOTTEVILLE SEMINARIES
Charlotteville, New York

Contact Mrs. Sperbeck, Postmistress at Charlotteville.

List of former students there and requirements to live there. This includes cleaning materials and personal items.

Site easily available. Main Street in Charlotteville.

Ruins of one school building on the hillside.

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HS-25

ODD FELLOWS HALL
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

Was original school. Built before 1869 - school moved and building was given to Odd Fellows.

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HS-26

DAVENPORT HOTEL
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

607-278-9998

Sheldon Hotel, then Globe Hotel, now Davenport Hotel.

Built pre-1869

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HS-27

MUD LAKE (WEST)
MUD LAKE (EAST)
MUD LAKE (NORTH)
Davenport, New York 13750

West - about 2 miles south of Davenport.

East - about 3 miles south-east of Davenport.

North - about 3 miles north of Davenport Center on "South Hill".

Unusual flora found here.

No roads. Topographic map advised for locating.

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HS-28

DAVENPORT CENTER CEMETERY
Davenport Center, New York

Just east of the church.

One of Timothy Murphy's wives is buried there.

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HS-29

DAVENPORT CENTER RAILROAD STATION - ULSTER AND DELAWARE AND NEW YORK CITY
Davenport Center, New York

Still standing.

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HS-30

HOME OF ELBRIDGE GERRY - GERRY ESTATE
Delaware Lake
Delhi, New York 13753

Grandson there. In Robert Livingston family for over 200 years.

More than 4000 acres.

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HS-31

ANTI-RENT WAR MARKER
2 miles from Delhi, east on Rt. 10 - side road.

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HS-32

COVERED BRIDGE - FITCHER BRIDGE
Delhi, New York 13753

3 miles east of Delhi on right hand side of road.

HS-32 Cont.

Built in 1870; 106 feet long. Bridge has been moved from original place.

Can drive over anytime.

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HS-33

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT
Village Square
Main Street
Delhi, New York

Picture.

Available anytime.

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HS-34

WANTAUGA FALLS
1 mile out Rt. 10 east of Delhi, New York

Scenic and good fishing at foot of falls.

On Honest Brook.

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HS-35

CEMETERY AT REAR OF FRISBEE HOUSE
Delhi, New York 13753

Dates from 1790.

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HS-36

STATE MARKER FRISBEE HOUSE
Rt. 10, 2 miles North-east of Delhi, New York.

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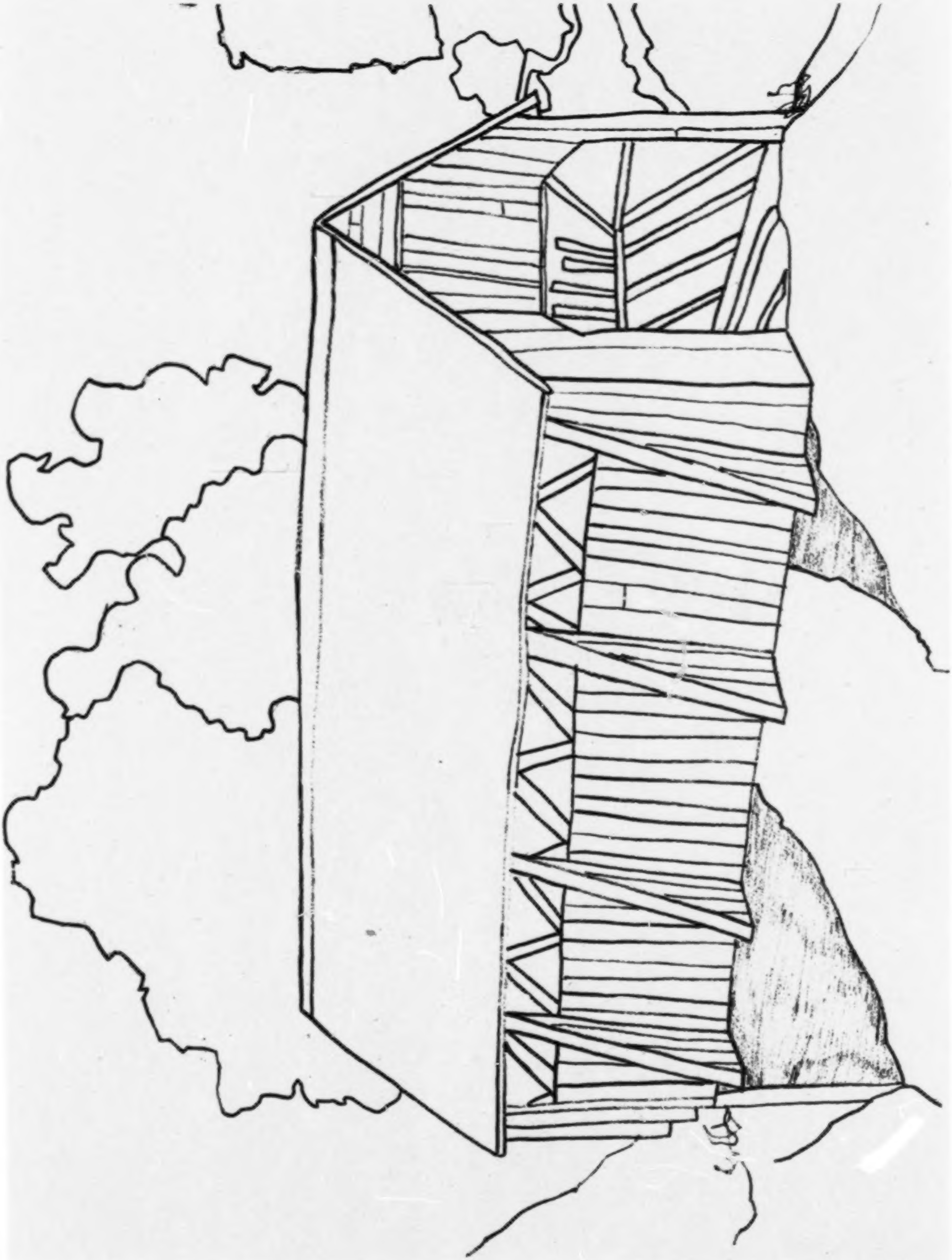

HS-37

VIEW FROM FEDERAL HILL
Use either Upper or Lower Federal Hill Road which turn north off Rt. 28, southeast of Delhi, New York

In walking distance from junction of two roads.

Scenic view up the West Branch Valley.

Fitches Covered Bridge is visible.

Holiday Magazine featured this color view in September, 1957.

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HS-38

TWO HORSES MONUMENT
Delhi, New York 13753

Go north on Court Street, take last dirt road left.

Mrs. Stoddart, Delhi Historian, knows history of this monument.

Inscribed on stone:
"Erected by War Youmans to memory of Rob and Charlie, brothers who died in 1878 - Age 36 and 37."

"In life inseparable, in death united - ever trustful and faithful."

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HS-39

VILLAGE SQUARE
Main Street
Delhi, New York 13753

Bandstand was painted in 1951. Copy of painting appeared in Saturday Evening Post.

HS-39 Cont.

Mrs. Stoddart, Delhi Historian has copy of the magazine mentioned above.

For public view.

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HS-40

PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN DELHI OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
Delhi, New York 13753

1. Frisbee House
2. Perry House - built by Ad. Perry family - 1823. 18 Second Street, Delhi, New York. Now owned by Mr. Ross.
3. Robinson Home - in back of Mr. Ross' home.
4. Henderson House - Main Street.
5. Sherwood House - Rt. 10 out of Delhi.
6. Branley House - Division Street. Unusual construction, exterior interesting.
7. Second Presbyterian Church built in 1830 - on Village Square.
8. Adee House - built by General Root.
9. First Delaware Academy, near College

Tape of Mrs. Stoddart gives a good brief on each of the buildings. (On file at PROBE Office.)

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HS-41

COVERED BRIDGE
Lower end of Downsville, New York.

Built in 1854, cost $1700.

Can still drive over it.

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HS-42

OLD STONE HOUSE - ROWLAND HOMESTEAD
East Meredith, New York

Turn north on second right, west of Doonan's Corners on County Road 12.

Built in 1830

Land tract obtained by Samuel Rowland from King George III.

607-278-5870

George Maison

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HS-43

THE FERGUSONVILLE ACADEMY
Fergusonville, New York

607-278-9967

Mrs. Louida Powell

1848-1868 boys boarding house.

Family welcomes visitors during summer.

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HS-44

BUTTERMILK FALLS
Fergusonville, New York

1/2 mile up Charlotte Valley from Fergusonville Church

Scenic when there is a freshet.

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HS-45

FERGUSONVILLE CEMETERY
Fergusonville, New York

North side, just west of hamlet.

Second one north of larger one. One of earliest cemeteries.

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HS-46

TURNERS TAVERN (MARKER)
Franklin, New York

History of Delaware County in Library tells about Turner's Tavern.

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HS-47

GREEK REVIVAL HOUSES
Franklin, New York

Many Greek Revival houses on Main Street

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HS-48

CEMETERY
Franklin, New York

Just outside of Franklin Rt. 7B

Early family - Edgerten claim to have had first white child.

Gave Fountain and Monument.

John Edgerten was instrumental in having village where it is.

Also, McCall of McCall Magazin is buried here.

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HS-49

CEMETERY
Rt. 7B, 2 miles from Franklin, New York

Wattler, buried in East Sidney Cemetery, was original Founder of Franklin.

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HS-50

EAST SIDNEY DAM
Rt. 7B, 2 miles west of Franklin

Supplied electricity to Franklin before flood of 1935 washed it out.

Mentioned in tape of Mrs. Lulu Mary Finch (On file at PROBE Office).

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HS-51

ORIGINAL CATSKILL TURNPIKE MARKER
Rt. 7B, 1 mile west of Franklin on left side of road.

Inscription:

"85 miles to Catskill"

Other markers along Rt. 7B.

Turnpike finished about 1800.

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HS-52

SITE OF HOME OF SHUMAN WATTLES
Rt. 7B, 2 miles west of Franklin on left side of road.

First settler of Town of Franklin.

HS-52 Cont.

Note on marker indicating where he signed the Treaty with the Indians.

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HS-53

MISSION CHURCH
Prattsville Road
Grand Gorge, New York

Rev. A. M. Eades

518-589-9856

Church was moved from Arena, New York when dam was built.

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HS-54

GILBOA DAM
Schoharie Reservoir, 2-3 miles from Grand Gorge.

Open to public.

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HS-55

PETRIFIED TREES
Schoharie Reservoir
2-3 miles from Grand Gorge.

Along roadside just below reservoir.

Open to public.

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HS-56

CEMETERY
Main Street
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

Next to Methodist Church.

Earliest stone noted was 1813.

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HS-57

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

South side of Rt. 23, just outside Grand Gorge toward East Durham.

Built in 1852.

Methodist Society pre-1800 in Moresville.

1830 Union Meeting House in Moresville on site of 1786 John More settlement.

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HS-58

REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH MARKER
Rt 30
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

In front of west wing of Grand Gorge Central School

This church was first in Grand Gorge. Built in 1830

Taken down in 1930 and the land given to the school district.

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HS-59

NORTH HARPERSFIELD CEMETERY
North Harpersfield, New York

South off County Road 29 in North Harpersfield.

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HS-60

STEVENS CEMETERY
Harpersfield, New York

West side of Peck Street off Rt. 23, 2 miles east of Harpersfield.

West of old Stevens Hotel on Catskill Turnpike.

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HS-61

STONE MARKER
Harpersfield, New York

Turn off Rt. 23 as you enter the "old state road" to go to Harpersfield on north side.

Stone marks location of the first house erected in the Town of Harpersfield in [illegible] by John Harper.

Burned in [illegible] by Indians and Tories under Brandt and Butler

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HS-62

HARPERSFIELD RURAL CEMETERY
Harpersfield, New York

1/4 mile west of Harpersfield on Rt. 23, north side

James Hendry buried there-killed by Indians and Tories in 1780 (April 8).

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HS-62 Cont.

John Hendry captured and Taken to Canada.

Thomas Hendry killed in 1780.

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HS-63

OLD CHESTER UTTER FARM
Rt. 23
Harpersfield, New York

2 1/4 miles east of Harpersfield on north side.

Sam Stevens Old Hotel on Catskill Turnpike.

Has been altered - present owners know none of its history.

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HS-64

STODDARD STEVENS HOTEL
Rt. 23
Harpersfield, New York

2 miles east of Harpersfield on north side.

Mrs. Von Brockdorff, former owner can give information.

518-652-7147

Was Hotel on Catskill Turnpike. Built in 1807, was hotel till 1872.

Stone in front yard says "Van Loan 1760".

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HS-65

REAR ADMIRAL MARK L. BRISTOL
South Hobart Road
Hobart, New York

1868-1939

10 years as High Commissioner to Turkey. Did pioneer work in building up U. S. Naval Aviation.

Commanded the battleships North Carolina and Oklahoma. Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet 1927-1929.

He lived on the Robert McLauglin farm on the South Hobart Road.

Contact Mrs. DeSilva, Stamford, New York for more information.

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HS-66

ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Hobart, New York

Foot of Church Street

Towns of Stamford, Harpersfield and Kortright - Parish was organized in 1794.

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HS-67

JOHN BANG'S HOUSE
Doonan's Corners
Kortright Station, New York

Now Robert Williamson's Farm.

John Bang was one of three brothers who were missionaries in the Catskills.

They came to Stamford in 1782 and John is buried in Stamford.

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HS-68

GILCHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH
Kortright Center, New York

1/4 mile east of Kortright Center on County Rt. 33.

Mother Church of surrounding churches.

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HS-69

GILCHRIST CEMETERY
Kortright Center, New York

Next to Gilchrist Memorial Church, County Rt. 33.

Civil War Monument inscribed pre-1820.

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HS-70

JONES FARM
Kortright Station, New York

First place past the cross-roads at Kortright Station

Farm has been in same family for over 100 years.

607-278-2436

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HS-71

OLD PARSONAGE
South Kortright, New York

Built in 1848 by United Presbyterians.

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HS-72

COVENANTER CHURCH
Kortright Center, New York

1/8 mile west of Doonans Corners on north side.

Now used for barn, but still recognizable as church.

Was moved back from road.

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HS-73

COVENANTER CEMETERY
Kortright Center, New York

Just north-west of Doonan's Corners.

Dates noted - 1811, 1818.

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HS-74

NORTH KORTRIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY
North Kortright, New York

West off Rt. 23 at North Kortright.

Dates from 1826.

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HS-75

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main Street
South Kortright, New York 13842

Built in 1833 for $2700.

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HS-76

SOUTH KORTRIGHT FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
Main Street
South Kortright, New York 13842

Was originally a one room school house and one of the first buildings in the village.

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HS-77

HOUSE
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

South side of Main Street 2 doors east of Roman Catholic Church.

Plank house, very old. Vacant at present.

Owned by Mrs. Degnan.

914-576-4422

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HS-78

MRS. FRED MYERS HOUSE
Walnut Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

1st house on Walnut Street.

914-586-4668

Built in 1846.

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HS-79

"OLD GRANT HOUSE"
Rt. 30
Margaretvile, New York 12455

Between Margaretville and Dunraven on Rt. 30. Three miles west on north side.

HS-79 Cont.

Mahogany stairway imported from France.

Built in 1820's or 1830's.

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HS-80

PATRICK FAULKNER SITE FOUNDATION
Margaretville, New York 12455

Upper end Bull Run Valley

On Earl Sanford's farm, now one of the oldest houses in town.

Built about 1820's or 1830's.

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HS-81

WILLIAM SANDFORD SITE
Hubbell Hill
Margaretville, New York 12455

William Duboveck

914-586-4142

Settled in 1797.

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HS-82

STONE SCHOOL HOUSE DISTRICT NO. 10
Town Road about two miles southwest of Margaretville, New York

Built in 1820, rebuilt in 1860.

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HS-83

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Margaretville, New York 12455

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HS-83 cont.

No longer a church - now a barn.

Built in 1851.

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HS-84

MAC DONALD HOMESTEAD
Elk Creek Road
Delhi, New York 13753

607-746-3673

Elizabeth MacDonald

Settled in 1793. House built in 1851.

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HS-85

EAST MEREDITH RAILROAD STATION (NEW YORK CITY AND ULSTER AND DELAWARE)
East Meredith, New York

Just north of East Meredith on west side of County Road 10.

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HS-86

MEREDITH SQUARE CEMETERY
Meredith, New York

Behind church is Square.

Dates from early 1800.

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HS-87

MEREDITH BAPTIST CHURCH
Meredith, New York

On Turnpike.

Congregation formed in 1811.

Mrs. Fisher has church history.

607-746-3329

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HS-88

Z. SANFORD SITE
County Road (Old)
Dunraven - New Kingston, New York

2 miles North of Dunraven

Settled in 1819.

State Marker

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HS-89

VAN BENSCHOTEN CEMETERY
New Kingston, New York

1/2 mile south of New Kingston on east side.

V.B. Jacob left Kingston in 1777 when British burned it and was given (by Livingston) relief lots (50 acres).

Two cemeteries - one near road and another up hillside.

Oldest about 1823.

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HS-90

PAUL KENNEDY - OLD STONE HOUSE AND BARN
Rt. 30 east of Roxbury, New York 12174

518-326-2194

Built in 1829 by E. L. More family (pioneer settler).

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HS-91

BURROUGHS MEMORIAL FIELD
Hardscrabble Road
Roxbury, New York 12174

1/8 mile beyond Woodchuck Lodge.

John Burroughs buried there in 1921. There is also a "sitting rock".

Open to public.

Call Woodchuck Lodge if tour or guide desired.

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HS-92

WOODCHUCK LODGE
Hardscrabble Road
Roxbury, New York 12174

1 mile west off Rt. 30 (sign)

Contact Mrs. Blanche Burroughs
518-326-2146 Summers
518-299-3498 Other times

Summer home of John Burroughs from 1912 - 1921.

Magazine collection:

Popular Science Monthly, 1880's; Atlantic Monthly, early 1900's; Galaxy, 1870's; and others.

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HS-93

ROXBURY CEMETERY
Roxbury, New York 12174

North side of Main Street behind Church.

Dates from 1800.

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HS-94

THE EDITH SCHUSTER HOUSE
Upper Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12174

White cottage, first one as you come in on Rt. 30.

518-326-2246

Built in 1823 - was first Tavern.

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HS-95

JOSEPH LUDWIG BUILDING
Upper Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12174

Built in 1835, first store in Roxbury.

Weekend residents only.

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HS-96

HARDENBURG MANOR HOUSE
Roxbury, New York 12174

New York State 23 near Delaware-Greene County Line.

On a 2,000 acre grant to Johannes Hardenburg, 1708, by Queen Anne.

Present stone house built in 1806. Oldest stone house in Town of Roxbury. Closed.

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HS-97

HOUSE
Stratton Falls Road
Roxbury, New York 12174

Built in 1825.

John J. Kelley, owner.

518-326-7771

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HS-98

HOUSE
Rt. 30 on way to Margaretville from Roxbury.

Built in 1808 by Dr. Underwood, the first Doctor there.

Mrs. Frederick Natter, owner.

518-326-3651.

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HS-99

CATSKILL TURNPIKE MARKERS
Along Rt. 23 and Turnpike Road

1924 survey of markers . Photographs of all remaining then, and locations.

Data above held by Mrs. Leo DeSilva, 10 Beaver Street, Stamford, New York

518-652-2601

Also has a slide-tape presentation of Turnpike markers and route available.

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HS-100

SUTHERLAND FARM HOUSE
Meridale, New York

Beside old stone house 2 miles from Meridale, west on Turnpike Road.

Circa 1830's.

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HS-101

OLD STONE HOUSE
Meridale, New York

2 miles from Meridale west on Turnpike.

Circa 1835.

Near second stone house.

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HS-102

OLD STONE HOUSE
Meridale, New York

2 miles from Meridale west on Turnpike.

Built in 1837.

Used to have stone roof of flagstones quarried on farm. This roof removed and shingled in 1885. (Door casing and corners are cut stone.)

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HS-103

H. M. DAYTON FARM
Mt. Jefferson Road
Stamford, New York 12167

Carl Mueller present owner.

518-652-2011

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HS-103 Cont.

"Delaware Head Farm"

West branch begins here - flows into Lake Utsayantha.

Dayton could trace to Charlemagne.

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HS-104

DELAWARE HOUSE

56 Main Street
Stamford, New York 12167

On Main Street at head of South Delaware Street.

Still standing and has operated continuously since 1790, except for few years of Depression of 1930's.

Same appearance today as in 1860's except for additions front and rear.

Teddy Roosevelt stayed there in 1883.

Delaware Inn 518-652-4351

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HS-105

DU BOIS FENELON HASBROUCK HOUSE

South Delaware Street
Stamford, New York 12167

Hasbrouck was a noted landscape artist from 1860-1917. Was noted especially for Catskill Mountain snow scenes.

Mr. Hasbrouck sold one of his paintings at 1893 World's Fair for $1,500.

Home now owned by J. Beace.

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HS-106

UTSAYANTHA LAKE AND UTSAYANTHA MOUNTAIN

Rt. 10 at Schoharie-Delaware County Line.

Legend is that Lake and Mountain were named after an Indian maiden.

Lake is source of West Branch of Delaware.

Observation tower at top of Mountain, accessible by auto.

Open to public July and August.

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HS-107

EAGLES NEST

Stamford, New York 12167

1/2 mile out South Delaware Street on left.

Home of Edward Zane Carroll Judson (1821-1886) whose pen name was Ned Buntline. Most prolific of the dime-store novel writers.

Helped make Buffalo Bill famous.

Built Eagles Nest in 1871 - still standing. Wrote and entertained there.

Buried in Stand Cemetery.

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HS-108

OLD HOWARD TAVERN

Stamford, New York 12167

2 miles east of Stamford on Rt. 23.

Noted early Turnpike Tavern.

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HS-109

OLD TOLL GATE
Stamford, New York 12167

1 mile east of Stamford.

Abandoned tenant house.

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HS-110

STAMFORD RAILROAD STATION
Railroad Avenue
Stamford, New York 12167

Trains still run freight storage.

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HS-111

INDIAN TRAIL
Stamford, New York 12167

On Rt. 23.

Mohawk hunting excursion trail - Schoharie Creek to Cook House (Deposit).

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HS-112

SCENE OF HARPER'S FIGHT WITH THE TORIES
Jefferson, New York

Contact Mrs. Mildred Bailey, Stamford, New York Historian for information.

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HS-113

BREWSTER TOMB
On right side of Rt. 23
between Grand Gorge and
Stamford.

Cemetery is across from Buell's Hardware.

HS-113 Cont.

Contact Mrs. Morris Frazee, South Gilboa, New York for information. 518-652-5901.

Burial place of Brewsters who were descendants of Mayflower. Elder Brewster.

Had large land holdings.

First frame building, first saw mill, and grist mill on this tract.

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HS-114

REXMERE CEMETERY
Stamford, New York 12167

Northeast of Rural Supplementary Educational Center.

Dates from 1803.

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HS-115

BRIMSTONE MEETING HOUSE
Blenheim Hill
Blenheim, New York

At the Four Corners.

First built in 1815.

Methodist anti-renters held meetings.

"Law and Order Posse" used to hold prisoners and horses there. Several built there.

Still a Methodist Church there today.

Contact Carl Buckland for information.

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HS-116

BATTLEFIELD
Southeast side of Lake
Utsayantha off Rt. 10
on Schoharie-Delaware
County line. (No road)

1781 Battle - bones found
1878.

Brandt vs. Tim Murphy.

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HS-117

GRANT CEMETERY
Stamford, New York

About 3 miles south of Stamford
on Mountain Road (west side)
Two miles past Stamford
Cemetery.

Original Stamford settlement
area.

Dates from 1807.

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HS-118

[illegible] CHURCH CEMETERY
Stratton Falls, New York

[illegible] mile north of Stratton
Falls on County Road 41.

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HS-119

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
Stratton Falls, New York

1/4 mile north of Stratton
Falls on County Road 41.

Built in 1832.

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HS-120

TYLER CEMETERY
Stratton Falls, New York

1/4 mile south of Stratton
Falls on County Road 41,
east side.

Dates from early 1800's.

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HS-121

BALLARD FARM
Denver-Vega Road
Vega, New York

Settled in 1794, same family
and generations.

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HS-122

VEGA CEMETERY
Vega, New York

1/2 mile south of Vega on
County Road 36, west side.

Dates from 1795.

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HS-123

MC MINN CEMETERY
West Davenport, New York

1 mile east from West
Davenport on Back Road,
north side.

Behind Baptist Church.

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HS-124

STATE HIGHWAY COUNTY MARKER
TOWN OF DAVENPORT
Rt. 23 at Delaware-Otsego County line, 1 mile west of West Davenport.

"Delaware County" set apart from Ulster and Otsego Counties 1797.

Named for Delaware River, which was named for Lord Delaware, Governor of Virginia, 1609.

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L - LIBRARY

L-1

ANDES PUBLIC LIBRARY
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

Rt. 28, Main Street

Given by Bowman Family to be used as a Library.

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L-2

BOVINA CENTER LIBRARY
Main Street
Bovina Center, New York 13740

Part of Four-county system.

100 years old

County histories.

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L-3

CANNON FREE LIBRARY
44 Elm Street
Delhi, New York

Includes:

1. Frisbee Genealogy
2. Munsell: History of Delaware County. 1880.
3. Jay Gould History and Jay Gould Map - Dealing with Anti-Rent wars.
4. Monroe. Chapters in the History of Delaware. (Anti-Rent wars)
5. Christman: Tin Horn and Calico
6. Rafting on the Delaware
7. There is a short tape available with an interview with the Assistant Librarian. This tape

L-3 Cont.

offers a more complete listing and information on the Cannon Library.

On file at the PROBE Office.

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L-4

DEPOSIT FREE LIBRARY
159 Front Street
Deposit, New York

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1. Indexed file of past issues of the Deposit Courier.
2. Local Census records.
3. Rare books and collections including:
   a. Two copies of Bibliographical Review of Broome County
   b. Colonial, 1600-1656
   c. History of Westchester County (Shays)
   d. History of Binghamton and Broome County (Lewis Publishing Co.) Vol. 1-3.
   e. History of Village and Town of Broome County 1800-1900, Lawler.
   f. History of Broome Co. 1885, H.P. Smith
   g. History of Chenango and Madison County 1880, J. H. Smith
   h. Illustrated History of Delaware County 1797 W. W. Munsell
   i. History of N.Y.S. 1523-1927. J. Sullivan

L-4 Cont.

- j. History of Otsego County, New York 1740-1878. Everts and Feriss
- k. Platt Book - Broom County - 2 copies (Shows original land grants)
- l. Stiles Family History
- m. Book on History of Cannonsville, 1786-1956
- n. D.A.R. Records on file.
- o. G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) on file
- p. S.A.R. (Sons of the Revolution) Records on file.

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L-5

FRANKLIN FREE LIBRARY
Franklin, New York 13775

Special book on History of Delaware County. Munsell

Yearbooks of Delaware Literary Institute.

French Gazetteer.

Gould's History of Delaware County.

Will have special room of Local Historical Society, local exhibits in 1969.

Hours: 1:30 - 5:30
6:30 - 8:30
Tuesdays and Saturdays

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L-6

LOUISE ADELIA READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Hancock, New York 13783

Infantry school off Old Rt. 17.

L-6 Cont.

1. Pictures
2. Artifacts
3. "Read" collection is catalogued, arranged in alphabetical order according to subject. Collection includes such things as:
   - a. Almanacs - 1833 on
     Farmers and Mechanics Almanac
     Frank Leslie's Comic Almanac
     The Franklin Almanac
     Many others of the time.
   - b. Newspapers and periodicals.
   - c. Catalogues
   - d. Express and Freight bills
   - e. Indian relics
   - f. Hancock Photographs
   - g. Posters
   - h. Hard bills
   - i. Business Culture

Available Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 - 4:00 and 7:00 - 9:00.

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L-7

MARGARETVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Margaretville, New York 12455

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L-8

HELEN GOULD SHEPARD LIBRARY
IN ROXBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

School - 518-326-2451

Genealogy material
Some of John Burroughs books.

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L-9

STAMFORD VILLAGE LIBRARY
117 Main Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-5001

Special local history room.

Good newspaper clipping collection and local history collection.

September - June, open
2:00 - 5:00 daily,
7:00 - 9:00 Monday & Thursday

July & August, open
Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 12:00
Monday - Friday, 2:00 - 4:00
Monday & Thursday evenings
7:00 - 9:00

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L-10

LIBRARY IN LOCAL SCHOOL
Treadwell, New York

Have some pictures and books on local history.

A local library is being planned which will be located in the "Community House" on Main Street.

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L-11

WILLIAM B. OGDEN FREE LIBRARY
Walton, New York

This library has an extremely valuable collection of local history which can be viewed with the aid of a local member of the Historical Association.

Miss Kate Eells, local historian will help.

L-11 Cont.

Some of the works included in the collection are:

a. Deeds and surveys (Hanford and Olmstead families)
b. Clipping on blizzard of 1888 (not immediate Walton area)
c. List of Civil War Veterans
d. Wills (William B. Ogden's included)
e. Scrapbook of Hannah Manvin Seely
f. Scrapbook of Julia Ogden Guild (1884 - 1938)
g. Scrapbook of Edmund More, Jr.
h. "Advertising Cards" Amusing and of historical interest
i. Scrapbook of World War I (belonging to Mary Weed Marvin Chapter of NSDAR)
j. Plank Road History, Documents
k. Tax Roll - Walton, 1888-9
l. Store ledger, 1805
m. Letter written by William B. Ogden.

The library also has rare books on New York State history, local genealogies, local newspaper collections, and diaries.

Daily hours.

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M - MUSEUM

M-1

DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, FRISBEE HOUSE
Delhi, New York 13753

2 miles east of Delhi on Rt. 10.

Contact Mrs. T. N. Matthews, Sr., 23 Delview Terrace, Delhi, New York 13753

607-746-2433

Excellent collection of early tools, clothing, furniture, etc.

Building is good example of Federal architecture. Built in 1804.

Headquarters of Delaware County Historical Association.

Collection of former Stamford newspaper editor. Fills one room; catalogued. (Articles concerning Delaware, Schoharie, and Otsego Counties.)

There is also a barn (to be filled with tools and wagons), a one-room school, gatehouse and a gun shop to be opened soon

In log cabin on this site was first meeting of Board of Supervisors in 1797. First county court was held here the following October.

Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.; Memorial Day through Labor day. Other times by appointment.

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M-2

MILL-RAIL FARMS
East Meredith, New York

North side of County Highway No. 12, center of East Meredith.

Contact Kenneth Kelso, East Meredith, New York

607-278-2669

Gristmill and sawmill musuems. Very interesting working double waterwheel. Steam and gas engines, animals.

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M-3

PRATT MUSEUM
Prattsville, New York

Former home of Col. Zadock Pratt, Republican in Congress.

He was a tanner - closed tannery in 1859. Employed large number of men.

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M-4

L. J. TODD BLACKSMITH MUSEUM
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

East side of Main Street (sign)

Archie Jones

518-326-2211

On Tuesdays, a Blacksmith is at work. Welcomes school classes. No Charge.

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M-5

MAPLE SUGAR MUSEUM
Just off Rt. 23, west of
Stamford, New York 12167

Mrs George Clark
Windy Ridge
South Gilboa, New York

518-652-7106

Good collection of materials.

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PB - PUBLIC BUILDINGS - Government Building; Hospitals; Railroad Stations

PB-1

NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Delhi, New York 13753

607-746-2354

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PB-2

Delaware Republican Express Newspaper
Court Street
Delhi, New York 13753

Dates back to about 1860.

History of the paper is in the May 9, 1968 issue.

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PB-3

DELAWARE COUNTY SEAT
Main Street
Delhi, New York 13753

Village Square

County Clerk's Office:

1. Census records, 1850 through present.
2. Death Records, 1897 -
3. Some court cases
4. Some mustering out records of Civil War.
5. Some cases of Anti-Rent Wars
6. 1799 Tax records

County Treasurer's Office:

1. Assessment roles, 1860 (approx)

PB-3 Cont.

Surrogate's Office:

1. Wills
2. Administration proceedings
3. Some minutes of wills

Open Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 5:00.

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PB-4

MARGARETVILLE HOSPITAL
Orchard Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-2631

Built in 1931

New one started with 50 beds.

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PC - PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

PC-1

O & W RAILROAD
1. Herman House
   Hancock, New York 13783
2. Oscar Bennett
   Hancock, New York 13783
3. William Capach
   Fishes Eddy, New York

These men have knowledge of the O & W Railroad as well as private collections of pictures and related artifacts.

There is an annual picnic of past O & W employees at Hancock; usually on a Saturday in September.

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PC-2

MR. DE NIO
Hancock, New York 13783

Started to write local history of Hancock, but died. His manuscripts are with the Delaware County Historian, Mr. Davidson (See LH for Delhi)

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PC-3

BUTTON COLLECTION
Mrs. Robert Smith
Locust Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-7751

Contact for appointment.

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PC-4

GEORGE MORSE (BANKER)
45 Lake Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-257;

Gem stones collection.

Contact for appointment.

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PC-5

REGISTRY RECEIPT (ORIGINAL)
Project PROBE
134 Old Main
State University College
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-5374

Signed by Chester Treadwell who was Postmaster of Treadwell - town named after him.

Registry Receipt indicates that Treadwell was once Croton (1896).

Receipt signed on February 26, 1880.

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S - SCHOOL

S-1

ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL
Andes, New York 13731

On the Route entering Andes on Rt. 28 from Delhi.

914-676-3166

Built in 1939.

Originally was Andes Collegiate Institute - later Helton Memorial High School (1905-07).

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S-2

DELAWARE LITERARY INSTITUTE
Franklin, New York 13775

Off Main Street, on Institute Street.

Founded in 1835. In 1856 original building burned. Present building built in its place.

Stone Hall and Masonic Temple.

1890 - Military School
1902 - Public School

Walls are three feet thick in places.

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S-3

RURAL SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7511

Former Rexmere Hotel.

Broadcasts educational T.V. to nine schools.

Library.

Had a Catskill Turnpike milestone as corner stone.

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S-4

WALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
Stockton Avenue
Walton, New York 13856

607-865-4116

School vault contains historical material on the local schools including documents, pictures, school publications, programs.

Contact for appointment.

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LO - LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

LO-1

HALF-CENTURY CLUB
Margaretville, New York 12455

Class of 1911 began this club in 1961. Class of 1918 began it this year.

Annual get-togethers.

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OL-2

D.A.R. CHAPTER
Stamford, New York 12167

Mrs. Burns (Head Librarian)

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LO-3

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM
Stamford Central School
Stamford, New York 12167

Rotary and American Field Service.

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LH - LOCAL HISTORIANS

LH-1

MRS. MILDRED BAILEY
Stamford, New York 12167

Town Historian.

Has Long letter written during the Civil War.

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LH-2

JOHN W. RONEY
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3317

Village Historian.

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LH-3

MRS. EDWIN DECKER
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

Fourth house on right after right turn at blinker (Rt. 28).

914-676-3213

Town of Andes Historian
Some documents, photos, histories, etc.

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LH-4

HOWARD F. DAVIDSON
Bovina Center, New York

Go east of Delhi on Rt. 28 to Rt. 6, turn left on Rt. 6 and go 1 mile. Third house on right.

LH-4 Cont.

Delaware County Historian

Tape of Resources located at PROBE Offices. Holdings include account books and ledgers, articles and essays, diaries and letters, manuscript collections, newspapers, oral interviews, public documents, historic maps.

Mr. Davidson's collection is extensive and worth seeing.

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LH-5

IRWIN H. DENT
Post Office
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

607-278-5813

Town of Davenport Historian

Has atlas, books, information phamphlets.

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LH-6

MRS. IVAN AXTELL
Barbonsville, New York

7 miles from Deposit on Rt. 8

Deposit Historian

467-2538 for appointment.

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LH-7

MRS. FRANCES GRANT
Shinhopple, New York

6 miles from Downsville on
Rt. 30

Downsville Historian

607-363-7160

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LH-8

MRS. LULU MARY FINCH
Main Street
Franklin, New York

607-829-2361

Franklin Historian

Scrapbooks available. Owns book on Phineas Bresee, founder of the Church of Nazareve. He was a native of Franklin. Book titled, Man of the Morning, Nazarene Publishing Co., Kansas City, Missouri, by Donald P. Brickly.

Taped interview on file at PROBE Office.

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LH-9

MRS. MARTITA GOSS
Old State Road
Harpersfield Center, New
York

Little white house in triangle in Harpersfield Center.

Good knowledge of history of Harpersfield.

Town Historian.

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LH-10

MRS. FRED WHITAKER
Stockport Road
Hancock, New York 13783

Hancock Historian

607-637-3641

Has knowledge of local history and significant people in the area. Also has a list of local cemeteries.

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LH-11

MISS JOSEPHINE MC DOUGALL
Kortright Station, New York

House next to Hegeman Farms Creamery

607-278-5226

Town Historian

Three generations on farm

Has scrapbooks, 1860's Stamford newspapers. Collection of letters from soldiers.

Willing to help.

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LH-12

WILLARD F. SANFORD
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

Town of Middletown Historian

Has photos, histories, great deal of knowledge of local history and lore.

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LH-13

MISS IRMA M. GRIFFIN
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-4091

Town of Roxbury Historian.

Over 30 scrapbooks, 1932 on; (general events, deaths, marriages, historical articles).

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LH-14

MRS. LEO DE SILVA
10 Beaver Street
Stamford, New York 12167

Turn east off Rt. 23, just after passing the Victory Shopping Plaza.

518-652-2601

Excellent collection of local history, all indexed. Includes photos, scrapbooks.

Former newspaper woman.

Very extensive and well organized collection of local history.

Has 1924 survey of Catskill Turnpike markers, photos and all.

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LH-15

WALTER HERBERT STEWART
3 Liberty Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-6661

Town of Stamford Historian.

LH-15 Cont.

Collection of materials, books, maps, pictures.

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LH-16

MISS KATE EELLS
9 Townsend Street
Walton, New York

607-865-5686

Walton Historian

Very knowledgeable about local history and has a well-organized collection including:

1. Material used in Walton Historical Society programs:
   a. "Walton Streets"
   b. "Italian Immigrants"
   c. "Dr. Thomas Ogden"
   d. "Early Schools in the Town of Walton"
   e. "Farm Paid for by Charcoal Burning"
2. Diaries
3. Rare Books

By appointment.

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PF - POLITICAL FIGURE: Government Officials; Elected Officers of all Branches of Government

PF-1

MRS. MARILYN ROCKEFELLER
Bloomville, New York

Town of Kortright Town Clerk.

Has Town Clerk's records.

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PF-2

MRS. MARGARET HOY
Bovina Center, New York

Town of Bovina Town Clerk

Has Town Clerk's records.

607-832-4206

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PF-3

DELAWARE COUNTY CLERK
House Square
Delhi, New York 13753

607-746-2123

Holdings: Census Records:
- 1850
- 1865
- 1875
- 1880
- 1892
- 1905
- 1915
- 1925

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PF-4

MRS. HUGH MACLAURY
West Harpersfield, New York

518-652-5152

Town of Harpersfield Town Clerk

Town Clerk's records.

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PF-5

KERMIT CANTWELL
Main Street
Hobart, New York

607-538-3821

Town Clerk of Stamford.

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PF-6

EDWIN MASON
Main Street
Hobart, New York

607-538-6931

New York State Assemblyman.

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PF-7

WALTER J. O'DELL
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

Office: 914-586-4418
Home: 914-586-4761

Village of Margaretville Clerk.

Has Village Clerk's records.

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PF-8

TOWN OF ROXBURY TOWN CLERK
Roxbury, New York 12474

Town Clerk's records.

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PF-9

TOWN OF MEREDITH TOWN CLERK
Meridale, New York

Town Clerk's records.

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PF-10

MRS. BERNICE RATHBUN
R.D. 2 (Rt. 23)
Oneonta, New York 13820

Town of Davenport Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Records.

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PF-11

MRS. VIRGINIA BOUGHTON
Andes, New York 13731

2nd house on left at foot of Palmer Hill

Office: 914-676-4791

Town of Andes Town Clerk.

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PF-12

SARAH HULL
Main Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

Town of Middletown Town Clerk.

PF-12 Cont.

Office: 914-586-4566
Home: 914-586-4867

Town records.

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SP - SIGNIFICANT PERSON: People with Special Collections; Artists; Musicians; Writers; Teachers: Clergymen: Local "Story Tellers"; Newspaper Editors; Businessmen: Union Men; Doctors; Lawyers; Judges; Craftsmen: Sports Stars

SP-1

CLIFF O. DICKSON
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3264

Old resident - knowledge of local history.

Call for appointment.

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SP-2

MRS. EMORY ARMSTRONG
Delaware Avenue
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-4669

Collection of *American Agriculturist* back to beginning. Other magazines.

Call for appointment.

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SP-3

MISS BESSIE BRUCE
Delaware Avenue
Andes, New York 13731

Second house on right from school when entering Andes.

914-676-3393

Spent 40 years as missionary in China.

Also versed in village history.

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SP-4

MISS ELIZABETH BRUCE
Delaware Avenue
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3393

Retired principal, Rockville Center.

Knowledgeable of Andes history.

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SP-5

MR. & MRS. GEORGE BALLANTINE
Andes, New York 13731

Cabin Hill Road, 3 miles out.

914-676-4721

Both are artists and school teachers.

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SP-6

MURAL O. MILLER
Main Street
Andes, New York

Post Office Building

914-676-4451

Father was editor of the *Recorder* newspaper.

Knowledgeable of Andes history.

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SP-7

WILLIAM DAVIS
Main Street
Andes, New York 13731

914-676-3310

Has an original costume of Anti-Renters and other artifacts.

Has much knowledge about Andes history. Willing to speak.

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SP-8

FLOYD GREGORY
Brook Road
Bloomville, New York

607-538-7980

At Gregory Garage

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SP-9

WILBUR CLEVELAND
Church Street
Bloomville, New York

607-538-7503

Knows local history.

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SP-10

MRS. ISABELLE MAXON
Maple Avenue
Bloomville, New York

607-538-7116

Junior High School Social Studies teacher at South Kortright Central School.

Local History.

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SP-11

EUGENE LUTZ
Kortright Station Road
Bloomville, New York

Road to Bloomville from Kortright Center

607-538-7545

Russian trip - slides.

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SP-12

LEONE CEAS
Bloomville, New York

Next to Post Office on Main Street

607-538-7039

Long time family residents. Familiar with local history.

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SP-13

MR. W. H. OPPERMAN
Bovina Center, New York

607-832-4426

Came to the U. S. in 1946 from East Germany.

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SP-14

MRS. HELEN BRUCE
Charlotte Valley Road
Davenport, New York

South Worcester early homes and families, expecially the Multer family.

Interesting sketch of weather vane on Mrs. Bruce's Lawn on file at PROBE Office. This was taken from an old barn

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and set up on the lawn.

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SP-15

EDWIN BUCK
State Road
Davenport, New York 13750

2 miles east on Rt. 23.

607-278-5337

Slides of Southern and Western United States trips.

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SP-16

GEORGE HILLIS
State Road
Davenport, New York 13750

1 mile east on Rt. 23.

607-278-5701

Some Indian artifacts, old farm implements.

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SP-17

HOWARD HOAGLAND
State Road
Davenport, New York 13750

2 miles east on Rt. 23.

607-278-5713

Has Indian artifact collection and knowledge.

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SP-18

TIMOTHY MC MULLEN
Davenport, New York 13750

Color slide collection of Peru trip.

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SP-19

MISS ANNE NORBERG
Brick House Road
Davenport, New York 13750

607-278-5722

Extensive slide collection of European trip.

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SP-20

MRS WINSTON WHITE
Charlotte Creek Road
Davenport, New York 13750

Davenport back road.

607-278-9932

Information and items on local history.

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SP-21

MR. RALPH TABER
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

Next to Davenport Hotel.

607-278-5533

Local History

Contact for appointment.

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SP-22

RAY W. VOEGE
Dug Road
Davenport, New York 13750

North of Rt. 23, near Davenport.

607-278-5835

Planted for reforestation 50,000 little trees - "Anchor Farms".

Make-up man for John Carson.

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SP-23

JOHN GRAIG
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

Next to Davenport Hotel

607-278-5803

Substitute teacher, farmer, information on local history.

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SP-24

JENNIE BEERS
Main Street
Davenport, New York 13750

First house east of store on south side.

607-278-5853

Picture post cards and information.

Call for appointment.

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SP-25

PHILIP ASHE
Pumpkin Hollow Road
Davenport Center, New York

607-432-2655

English teacher at Schenevus. Wide range of experiences, including sky diving.

Willing to speak to groups on any subject (sky diving to education).

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SP-26

MRS. HARRY BRIGGS
Davenport Center, New York

607-278-5318

Teacher of 5th grade.

Local history, researcher. Compiling a work on social and economic growth of Davenport.

Has many pictures of old pictures; copies of slides of Peru.

May soon do a dig on property where Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railroad Terminal and Roundhouse were.

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SP-27

GAYLORD MC FARLAND
Delhi, New York 13753

On Flat, other side of river.

607-746-3541

Indian artifacts collected over 3 generations. Willing to show them.

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SP-28

MRS. FRED LIPP
Laurel Bank Avenue
Deposit, New York

607-467-2598

Has local D.A.R. records.

Call for appointment.

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SP-29

MRS. BERNICE FREEMAN
28 Court Street
Deposit, New York

607-467-2022

Has knowledge of local library holdings; has a local historical directory which she made; a scrapbook of the Cannonsville Dam project; a scrapbook of Deposit with holdings from 1905 to the present; local genealogies.

By appointment.

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SP-30

VIC RUEGGER
76 Pine Street
Deposit, New York

Office on Front Street,
Deposit, New York

607-467-3080

Writes history for the local newspaper.

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SP-31

DELOS AXTELL
195 Front Street
Deposit, New York

607-467-3355

Willing to discuss local history - writes for local paper.

Call for appointment.

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SP-32

MRS. RUTH AXTELL
175 Front Street
Deposit, New York

607-467-3210

Knows local history; has a collection of materials on local history.

Call for appointment.

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SP-33

MRS. MARY SMITH
Banbourville, New York

Rt. 8, 7 miles from Deposit.

607-467-2537

Has a paper on the history of Banbourville.

Call for appointment.

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SP-34

CARL BRAM
Knox Avenue
Downsville, New York

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SP-34 Cont.

First on left side of Knox Avenue.

Has information on the Delaware Northern Railroad.

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SP-35

GEORGE ODWELL
Main Street
Downsville, New York 13755

607-363-7106

Knows local history.

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SP-36

MISS MARGARET TURNBULL
Box 109
Downsville, New York 13755

Lives on Main Street

607-363-2371

Very interested in history of Downsville and the surrounding area. Has written and has copies of:
1. History of the Methodist Church
2. Echoes of the Past in the Town of Colchester

Miss Turnbull also has:
1. Some historical letters
2. Historical pictures
3. Notes she took for a book she hoped to write on the history of Downsville
4. Clipping from local newspapers on the history of and industry of Downsville.
5. Pictures of the development of the Downsville Dam.

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6. Maps of Downsville, 1856 and 1869 indicating the industry in Downsville at the time.

Call for appointment.

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SP-37

MISS ESTHER HOY
Downsville, New York 13755

Collection of Indian artifacts and other information related to local history.

By appointment.

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SP-38

MRS. KENNETH KELSO
East Meredith, New York

Farm on County Highway west of Kortright Station.

607-278-2669

Scrapbooks and information.

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SP-39

MRS. LOUISE TODD
Main Street
Fleischmanns, New York 12430

Across street from Todd & Son Garage.

914-254-5257

Local history.

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SP-40

MR. SINCLAIR ARCHIBALD
57 Center Street
Franklin, New York

Born in 1867

Taped interview on file at PROBE Office.

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SP-41

R. B. DRAFFEN
Main Street
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

518-588-7311

Local History.

Has Sundial Slave Store.

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SP-42

MRS. S. S. CRONK
Depot Street
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

Third house on left out Rt. 10 to Roxbury

518-588-7525

Grand Gorge History.

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SP-43

MRS. HARRY D. BOOTH
Main Street
Grand Gorge, New York 12434

On Rt. 23 entering Grand Gorge.

518-588-6602

Knowledgeable person on local history. Pictures and information.

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SP-44

MRS. ELIZABETH LOTTERER
Hancock, New York 13783

Wrote history of the Hancock School system.

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SP-45

MR. HERMAN FALING
Hancock, New York 13783

Knows local Indian history and has given Indian artifacts to Read Library

Contact for appointment.

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SP-46

MRS. ELVA MACH
Hancock, New York 13783

Retired school teacher who knows local history and has a collection reflecting it.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-47

EMERY GRANING
Hancock, New York 13783

Postmaster of Hancock.

Doing research on local post offices.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-48

LAMONT WARNER
Odell Lake Road
Harpersvield, New York

518-652-2451

Artist - taught first classes in any college in the U. S. in home decoration at Columbia Teacher's College.

Decorated rooms in State Capitol.

Taught till 1964; 92 years old.

Knows local history.

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SP-49

MRS. LELAND NICHOLS
North Harpersfield, New York

Phone Jefferson 2454

Knows local history.

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SP-50

EDITH GOULD
Maple Avenue
Hobart, New York

Across from Bank

607-538-6351

Knows local history.

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SP-51

FANNIE HUBBELL
Hubbell Brothers Store
Kelly Corners, New York

914-254-5476

Knowledgeable of local history.

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SP-52

FRANCES SQUIRE
West Kortright, New York 13842

Third house on the north west of Doonans Corners.

607-278-5528

Long-time resident - has collection of historical materials, scrapbooks, pictures, and information.

Very willing to help, but not here in winter.

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SP-53

MRS. ETHEL COULTER
Orchard Street
Margaretville, New York 12455

Stone house on corner of Orchard Street and Arch Street.

914-586-4219

Knowledgeable on old family residents.

Margaretville, by Ethel Bussy (pen name), a history of the area.

Hobbies: Dishes, gardening, Photography, slides, historical collection, over 6000 antiques.

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SP-54

JOHN PETERSON
Bull Run Road
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-4269

Newspapers. Columnist in Walton paper.

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SP-55

MISS MARIAN CONNELL
Cemetery Road
Margaretville, New York 12455

914-586-4019

Teacher, has extensive slides on New York State Geography.

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SP-56

LYLE HENDERSON
East Meredith
New York

607-278-4164

Collection of small farm tools.

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SP-57

HOWARD HUNT
Franklin Road
Delhi, New York

1 mile out of Delhi on Franklin Road

607-746-3357

Knows Meredith history.

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SP-58

FRED GOLDSMITH
R.D. 2
Delhi, New York 13753

Meredith Square

607-746-3602

Retired Civil Engineer, has done a great deal of traveling. Has slides.

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SP-59

MISS GRACE PRESTON
Locust Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-7748

Traveler,has slides on different trips. (Hawaii and Roxbury)

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SP-60

WALTER MEAD
Montgomery Hollow
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-2851

Has very extensive color slides on nature in Delaware County: Passing of seasons, animals, etc.

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SP-61

MRS. WALTER BROOKS
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

Next to Griffins on Main Street

518-326-4001

Her late husband was a well-known author.

Collection of many old books; also color film pictures of Europe.

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SP-62

DANIEL H. BOYD
Main Street
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-3596

Color slides of Norway.

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SP-63

JOSEPH FARLEY
Montgomery Hollow Road
Roxbury, New York 12474

518-326-2850

Films on Europe.

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SP-64

E. G. SUTHERLAND
Meridale, New York

Next to Church on Rt. 10 as leaving hamlet.

607-746-3332

Great knowledge of local history. One of oldest residents.

Remembers Meridale Farms during heyday.

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SP-65

ADAM SUTHERLAND
Franklin Road
Meridale, New York

607-746-3441

Knows local history.

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SP-66

MRS. MELZAR RIVENBURG
Meridale, New York

607-746-2061

Knows local history.

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SP-67

PERRY WHITE
Meridale, New York

607-746-2069

Knowledge of area, of arrowhead making area in Meredith.

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SP-68

CHARLES W. MOORE
Simpsonville, New York

607-278-5721

Dealer in antique firearms. Collection of firearms and Civil War artifacts (drusm, uniforms, etc.).

Student groups.

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SP-69

GEORGE TUPPER
50 Main Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7266

Vice President of Delaware County Historical Association.

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SP-70

MRS. GEORGE TUPPER
50 Main Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7266

Stories to tell.

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SP-71

WESTON SMITH
Rexmere Park
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-6641

Magician.

Free to area schools.

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SP-72

MRS. JOHN GOULD
9 Beaver Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-4281

Collection of items from Ecuador and other foreign articles.

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SP-73

REV. W. R. PHINNEY
20 South Delaware Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-7350

Methodist minister.

Historian for Eastern District of Methodist Church. He is in charge of collection display at library.

Stories to tell.

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SP-74

FRED MURPHY
Stamford, New York 12167

Stamford Road - Murphy Farm.

518-652-2781

Grolier Board Chairman.

Has done great deal of civic work for Stamford.

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SP-75

MISS ANN WILLIS
10 Beaver Street
Stamford, New York 12167

518-652-2601

Indian artifacts from New Mexico and this area.

She worked on archaeological digs in Southwestern U. S.

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SP-76

MRS. HARRY BARLOW
Main Street
Treadwell, New York

Main Street across from Barlow Store

607-829-2806

Mrs. Barlow is willing to help students. She has an interesting collection including:
1. School Register dating back to 1818.
2. Muncells History of Delaware County
3. Biographical Review

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SP-76 Cont.

4. Continental currency with B. Franklin's name on it.
5. Pictures of the area.
6. Church pamphlet.
7. Directory of past businesses in the community
8. J. Gould map giving background of growth and history of the area.

Call for appointment.

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SP-77

MR. AL PRIME
Treadwell, New York

Has lived in Treadwell long time and knows history.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-78

MR. GORDON MURPHY
Treadwell, New York

Has knowledge of local history.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-79

MRS. MABEL ANDERSON
Unadilla, New York 13849

Mrs. Anderson wrote a history of the Treadwell area; was principal of the school for a while.

She is now with the Education Department at State University College, Oneonta, New York.

SP-79 Cont.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-80

MISS FLORA ST. JOHN
Walton, New York 13856

Knowledge of local history.

Contact for appointment.

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SP-81

MISS SARA POND
121 Stockton Avenue
Walton, New York 13856

607-865-5694

Has Diary of Great Grandmother typed.

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SP-82

MRS. RAYMOND SHINN
61 Townsend Street
Walton, New York 13856

Has much knowledge of Ogden family - descendant.

607-865-5872

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OTSEGO COUNTY

BI - BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

School groups intending to visit any private business listed in this Directory should make prior arrangements with that business.

BI-1

ASTROCOM ELECTRONICS, INC.
Colliersville, New York
13747

On Rt. 28 just above Rt. 7

Terry Lifgren or Derry Lifgren at 607-432-1930

Monday - Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Senior High Level

Observe hand assembly of components for receiving equipment such as headsets. Test equipment is operated. Tour would also include Astrocom Molding, Inc., a new subsidiary next door.

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BI-2

BRESEE'S ONEONTA DEPARTMENT STORE
155-65 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Jon Olsen at 607-432-6000

Thursdays Noon - 9 p.m.
Other days 9:30 a.m. - 5:10 p.m.

Group sizes of 20 on any grade level.

See complete operation of store; or perhaps a specialized operation such as business office machines, etc.

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BI-3

Cherry Valley News
Cherry Valley, New York
13320

607-264-3261

Four page weekly paper (Thursdays). Complete run 1935-1968.

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BI-4

FARM (DAIRY)
Mr. Marsden Dring
Country Club Road
Oneonta, New York 13820

432-2749

Mornings are best time for visiting.

Of most interest to elementary level.

Dring's farm still fills individual milk cans, rather than using the bulk tank method. Students can see areas of the milking apparatus, see the cows being bedded down, etc.

Time would have to be arranged in order to see cows being milked.

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BI-5

The Freeman's Journal - Otsego Farmer
62 Pioneer Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2545

Local Newspapers

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BI-6

FREW"S QUALITY BAKERY
149 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. or Mrs. James W. Frew
607-432-3733

Groups from K-12 recommended.

Best time for tour is in the morning from 8:30 a.m. - noon when most of the baking is done.

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BI-7

J & D PRINTING
53 Broad Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Fred Dilello or Bob Jordan
607-432-4336

Hours of 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Allow weeks notice so that owners can be sure to have material ready and can guarantee running of presses.

Maximum groups of 5 in grades 1-12.

Students observe linotype operation, presses running, offset press, paper cutting, hand type-setting, folding and stitching folders.

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BI-8

LOEB, RHOADES AND CO.
239 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Edward S. Close, Manager
at 432-5000

Recommend about 12 students at a time.

Students observe procedures of stock brokers including receiving of world and national news on news printer, projection of N.Y. Stock Exchange ticker tapes, Teletype system for inter-office communications between branch offices, and uses of reference materials.

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BI-9

LYNCOACH & TRUCK COMPANY
443 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. James Friery at
432-2900.

Recommended for 7-12.

Make arrangements in advance.

Manufacturing of truck body walls, installation of various medical units, such as X-Ray.

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BI-10

MEDICAL COACHES, INC.
Country Club Road
Oneonta, New York 13820

Morris Liedkie or Ian Smith
at 607-432-1333

Recommended for K-12. Prefer

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BI-10 cont.

groups to come around 9 a.m.

Make arrangements at least 1 week in advance.

Firm equips mobile units for all sorts of clinics, laboratories, educational units, etc, Tour includes West Oneonta plant where fabrication of bodies takes place before equipment is installed at Oneonta plant.

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BI-11

NEW YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY
17 Elm Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. John Murphy or Mrs. Donna Lundquist at 607-432-9951.

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Grades 3-12

No maximum on group size since groups can be split for tours.

Observe business office operation, central office where calls go out, and traffic section where operators work at switchboards.

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BI-12

ONEONTA AIRPORT
Upper East Street
Oneonta, New York

Mr. Jerry Levine at
607-432-8222

Fridays preferred for group

BI-12 cont.

tours.

Grades 4 and up.

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BI-13

ONEONTA COCA COLA BOTTLING PLANT
Brown Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. Earl Fesler at
607-432-1323

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Grades 1-12

See complete bottling operation from cleaning bottles to casing for shipping.

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BI-14

ONEONTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
16 Dietz Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

George Tyler, Exec. Manager
607-432-4500

To get an overview of the City and what it has to offer, one could get brochures and other types of information from this office.

A good source of statistics on taxes, types of business, etc.

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BI-15

ONEONTA DRESS COMPANY

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BI-15 cont.

359 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mrs. Lillian Creighton
at 432-5855

Recommended hours:
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Groups of about 15.

Students observe complete manufacture of dresses from cutting to pattern through completion of finished product.

Tour takes approximately 1 hour.

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BI-16

Oneonta Star
102 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Frank Perretta at
607-432-1000

Weekdays between hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. are recommended for best tour activities.

Grade 5 and above.

Maximum group at one time is 15.

When tours are set to include WDOS, a group of 30 could be split.

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BI-17

WILBER NATIONAL BANK
245 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

BI-17 cont.

Henry Bunn or Paul Salisbury
at 607-432-1700

Wednesdays are best day, other days, except Thursdays, possible.

Recommended time around 10 a.m.

Recommend Jr. High and up, but possibly younger students may want to observe school banking procedures.

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BI-18

WDOS RADIO STATION
104 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Al Sayers at 607-432-1500

Recommended times - 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Maximum group size 15, unless tour of Star is planned so group of 30 can be split up.

Tour approximately 1 hour, in conjunction with Star tour.

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BI-19

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH
119 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. Harold Mulkins, Manager
at 607-432-5111

Monday through Friday, afternoons.

Recommended for grades 4-6, but older students might get some value.

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BI-19 cont.

Observe manner of receiving and sending messages.

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BI-20

HAROLD TYLER'S FARM
Westford, New York 13488

Production of maple syrup the early settlers' sweetening.

Contact for appointment.

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BI-21

ONEONTA COMMUNITY ART CENTER
Wilbur Mansion
12 Ford Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mrs. Harold S. Hattem, Pres.
Hemlock Road
Oneonta, New York 13820
432-3428

Miss Jean Parish
Gallery Chairman
71 Maple Street
Oneonta, New York 13820
432-8015

For special information concerning the exhibits, call or write the above persons.

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C - CHURCH

C-1

CHRIST CHURCH
Cooperstown
New York 13326

Erected 1810

Cemetery in churchyard contains the grave of novelist James Fenimore Cooper.

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C-2

BAPTIST CHURCH OF MIDDLEFIELD
Top of Hill in the Village

Has the oldest pipe organ in Otsego County. The church was built in 1825 or 26 and has a Masonic cornerstone with the date June 6 AD 1825.

Call Wilmer Bresee, Oneonta, New York for explanation - (he is Mason's historian).

Rod Johnson can explain architecture of the church.

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C-3

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worcester, New York

Presbyterian Church organized in 1792; in 1812 it became the Second Congregational Church and in 1914 the First Presbyterian Church of Worcester. Early records of the original church available, and copies of them are at Fenimore House in Cooperstown.

See history of the Town of Worcester; consult Fern Ferguson of East Worcester.

Not original church.

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C-4

EARLY BAPTIST CHURCH
Worcester and
East Worcester, New York

Baptist Church was first organized in East Worcester in 1797. Later services held between Worcester and East Worcester on what is now Rt. 7. Only a cemetery, long since abandoned, remains to show where the church was. It was later reorganized and church established in Worcester. A church was also built in East Worcester. Early records of early members are available at Fenimore House, Cooperstown.

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HS - HISTORICAL SITE - Old Homes and Buildings; Monuments; Cemeteries; Examples of Architecture; Old Bridges.

HS-1

CEMETERY
0.2 miles past Butts Corners
on County Route 10

On right side of road in cluster of trees.

Names include: Butts, Hurlburt, Straight, Naylor, Herrington, Nichols, Michel, Potter, Eldred, plus others densely overgrown.

Dates from 1828 - 1910.

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HS-2

BROWN CEMETERY
1 mile north of Butts Corners
on left.

Names include: Woodward, Eldred, Card, Brown, Weatherley, Ostrander, Gilbert, Gardner.

Dates from 1816 - 1879.

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HS-3

DR. DELOS WHITE HOUSE
Cherry Valley
New York 13320

Across the street from Village Hall (Corner of Main and Church Streets)

Small frame building erected about 1810.

Public view.

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HS-4

AUNGER"S FEED STORE
Route 28 on curve south of
Cooperstown

This is formerly a grist mill. Possibly the water-wheel is under the building yet; much water there. Many groups from Cooperstown seminars have visited. Built in 1813.

This is located in Index (formerly called Hope Factory). Cotton mill used to be across on spot where Rt. 28 passes.

The gas pump is on one of the actual grist stones out to the side of the building.

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HS-5

CLINTON DAM SITE
Cooperstown, New York 13326

Foot of River Street

Public view.

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HS-6

HARTWICK SEMINARY BUILDING
Hartwick, New York (Rt. 28)
13348

Oldest Lutheran Theological School in America. Founded 1797 by Rev. John Christopher. Hartwick located here in 1816.

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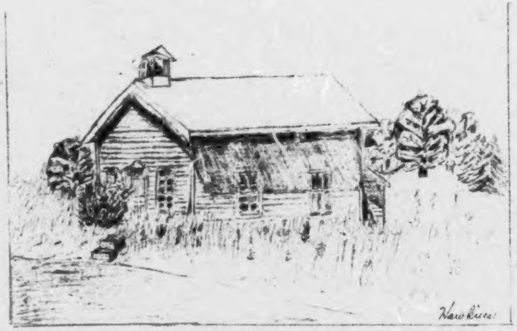
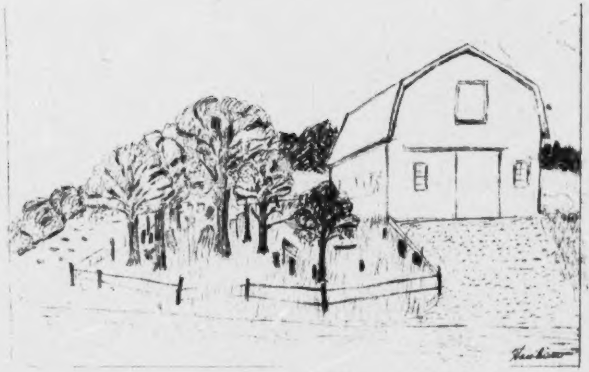


School House - Charlotte Valley.

Evelyn Hawkins



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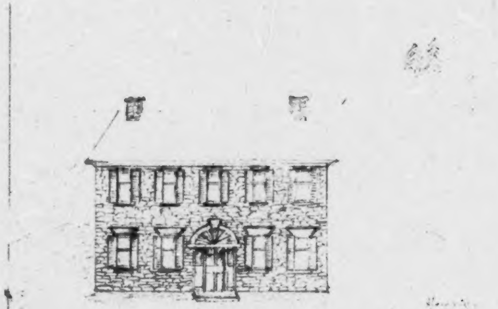
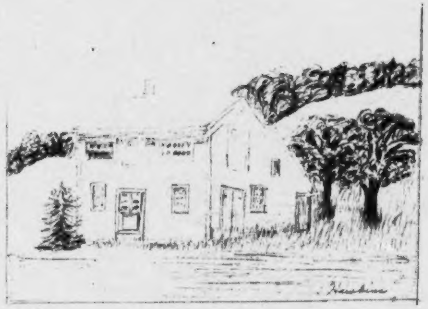
Routen East Worcester New York



Griswold House, Schenevus
1780 - 1830?



Old Blacksmith Shop
South Worcester

Evelyn Hawkins

HS-7

CEMETERY
County Road on left leaving Hartwick for South Hartwick.

Cemetery at top of hill along road.

Oldest grave is 1800, Nov. 14.

In third row from the front is John Webb family and graves include his four wives.

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HS-8

CEMETERY - HARTWICK UNION CEMETERY
0.9 miles on left of County Rt. 45 from Rt. 205.

Names include: Tucker, Wells, Arnold, Augur, Beckley, Smith, Waite, Jacobs, Wheeler, Allen, Vanschaick, Robinson, Luther, Rounds, Salisbury, Phillips, Adams.

Dates from 1823-1912.

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HS-9

LIPPITT CEMETERY
On Road to Milford (Road 45) from Hartwick.

Located 4.1 miles from Rt. 28 on County Road 45 on the right on the curve.

Graves date from 1809-1892.

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HS-10

CEMETERY - WATERS
Turn right from Rt. 166 to County Rt. 35 and go 1.3 miles and look on the left for a cluster of maples out in the field on a knoll.

Names include: Capt. Juda Waters 1838, John Clark & W. Amos Waters, Abigail, wife of Capt. Ralph Jordan, Daniel Pratt, Lewis Waters.

Dates from 1818-1875.

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HS-11

CEMETERY
Top of what is called "Burying Ground Hill"

Right at top of curve overlooking valley and T in road for Milford. Cemetery on County Rt. 46 on left side of road.

Names include: Dutton, Murdock, Adams, Sargent, Baker, Watson, Blood, Stone, Barnard (revolutionary soldier), Bates, Palmer, Chappel, Scott, Wilcox, Crydenwise, Wellman, Moore.

Dates from 1811-1861.

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HS-12

CEMETERY
On Rt. 28 entering Milford, New York from Cooperstown.

Many graves from past to present. Gave of Matthew Culley, one of the first settlers, is located in the NE corner of the cemetery.

Graves include: Bates, Wilcox, Hoag (Sherman is descendant of Hoag)

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HS-13

CEMETERY - CHAPIN
Located on Rt. 51, Morris 0.3 miles on right before turning to Co. Road 12. Located across from home of Mrs. Frank Duroe.

Dates from 1816-1929. Names include: Duncan, Thurston Chapin, Johnson.

Check with Mrs. Christina Duroe for information of families here.

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HS-14

LULL CEMETERY
Rt. 51, approximately 2.5 miles out of Morris going NE on Hargrave Street.

Dates range from 1810-1900.

Names include: Lull, Burdick, Hurlbutt, Johnson, Brown, Vail, Garlick, Fairchild, McCollom, Potter, Martin.

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HS-15

BUTTERNUT VALLEY
NYS Blue Marker on Rt. 51, 2 miles NE of Morris

Named for Three Butternut Trees growing from one stump. 1170 feet due SE of road marker.

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HS-16

BAKER CEMETERY
Turn right from Rt. 46 at Edsons Corners and go about 0.2 miles diagonal to white home on left of road. Look to right for cluster of trees

HS-16 cont.

on mound.

Dates from 1839-1877

Graves include: Baker, Youmans.

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HS-17

NISKAYUNA COUNCIL ROCK (No Marker)
On Rt. 166, 0.4 miles W of home on Dubbendale Farm.

Located on left of road, going W there is a foundation of a building that used to stand there.

Supposedly, various Indian tribes from the south were accustomed to meet the Mohawks in council. The rock was covered with hieroglyphics, but from its scaly nature, they are now obliterated. The Indians met here upon retreat from Cherry Valley Massacre in November, 1778.

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HS-18

CEMETERIES
Middlefield, New York 13405

A) Across from Middlefield Baptist Church is an abandoned and overgrown cemetery with graves predating 1830.
B) Cemetery next to Baptist Church has graves from 1830 through present.

Both at top of hill in Middlefield next to Baptist Church.

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HS-19

HOTEL
Middlefield, New York 13405

Former hotel of Middlefield (1 of 2). On Rt. 35 next to closed store on the right hand side.

Now a residence.

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HS-20

MIDDLEFIELD HOTEL
County Rt. 35 towards
Cooperstown

1/2 of Hotel still stands as a residence. Other half destroyed by fire years ago. Burned portion cut off.

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HS-21

MIDDLEFIELD FIREHOUSE
County Rt. 35

Located down and across from grocery.

Former carriage shop.

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HS-22

CEMETERY
Mt. Vision, New York 13810
Rt. 205 on right entering
Mr. Vision.

Dates from 1818-1931

Names include: Marlette, Washington, Keyes, Wilcox, Lee, Gardner, Houghton, Greene, Bernard, Lane, Treadwell, Bowdish, Webb, Kenyons, Wellman, Bissell, Cooke, Bowe, Stevens, Brooks, Straight.

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HS-23

NEW LISBON POST OFFICE
Co. Rt. 12, New Lisbon

Is the former New Lisbon Schoolhouse

Post Master Myron George attended school there.

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HS-24

BABCOCK CEMETERY
Oneonta Airport Road

Turn right from Rt. 205 at home of Robert Isler where there is a sign for Oneonta Airport. Go 1.1 miles up to point on curve where there is an abanoned road on left. Walk 120 paces along that road into woods and look to right for stone wall 40 ft. square.

Dates from 1837-1866

Graves include: Babcock, Spencer and Wilbur, Grave of David Babock has a 3 cu. ft. hole dug into it.

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HS-25

BUNDY CEMETERY
Rt. 7 just before entering
Otego from Oneonta, On left.

1824-present

At least 3 dozen graves are Bundy and others are relatives.

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HS-26

EMERSON CEMETERY
County Rt. 7

Proceed across little bridge by Yagers and stop by the first tree on left. Walk to top of hill, around hedgerow of trees and look left for cluster of 4-6 trees. In that cluster is an iron fence and 2 grave stones.

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HS-27

OTSDAWA CEMETERY
At junction of County Rts. 7 & 8 on left.

Graves within include: Hathaways, Cooks, Holbrooks, Emersons, Chamberlains, Luthers, Smiths.

Dates from 1826-present.

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HS-28

CEMETERY
1.7 mile S on County Rt. 8
from fork of Rt. 7 & 8

Possibly is Hathaway family plot originally. Look to the left for 1 tall evergreen in the midst of stones. Main pillar belongs to Hathaways. Other families include: Cook, Caller, Gates, Wheeler, Judson, Young, Lent, Miller.

Dates from 1830-83.

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HS-29
CEMETERY

Co. Rt. 8 - turn right by home of George Thayer #2964.

HS-29 cont.

Go up road about 0.6 mile to a small clearing on right side of road. Walk straight to the crest of that hill (by clearing) and look carefully for 4 or 5 rusted pillars among the trees.

Dates - 1848-1901

About 12 graves. Names include Slade, Tobey, Hathaway, Cook.

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HS-30

CEMETERY
Co. Rt. 8

Continue from Thayer #2964 for 0.8 miles. Observe stone wall about 20 ft. above road on right bank.

Dates from 1811-1877

Names include Emerson, Wood, Cook, Gates.

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HS-31

CEMETERY
Co. Rt. 8 (2.4 miles from Thayer's "Lazy Acres")

Just past the Otego Church, below the road on left is a cemetery, located in a clump of maple trees. 2 plots are fenced off for the Edson families.

Others include Wilsey, Emerson, Judson, Hyatt, Brown.

Graves date from 1821-73.

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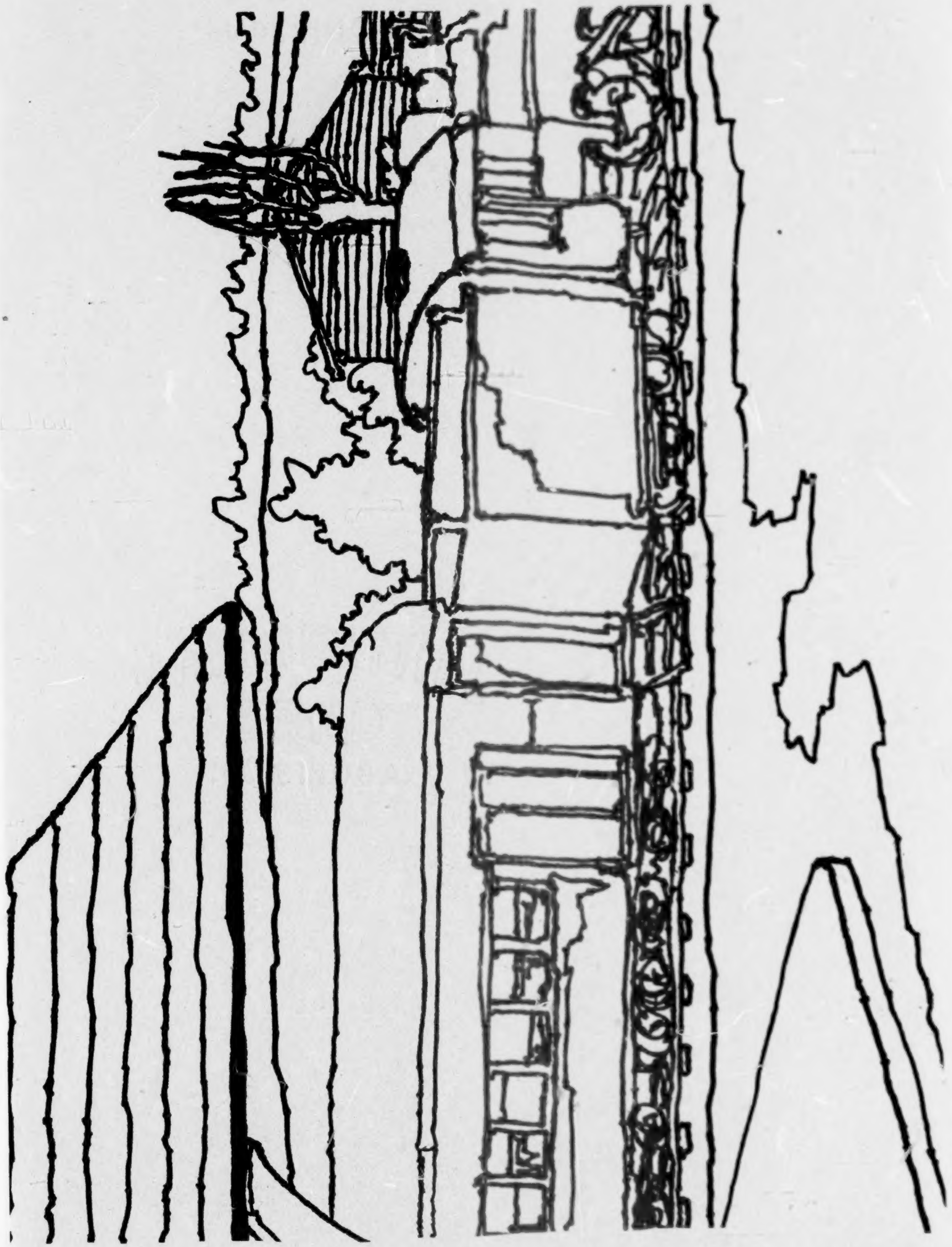

HS-32

TERRY CEMETERY
Co. Rt. 7 - 1 mile past
Pope Cemetery

Stop by trailer home of the Yager's. Across in the field is a cluster of evergreens, among a doz. grave stones, most broken down. Charles Terry is buried there with relatives.

Terry's father's body was moved to Oneonta Plains Cemetery after several years at request of Charles' Mother.

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HS-33

POPE CEMETERY
Co. Rt. 7 (Otsdawa Ave.)
Proceed 4.7 miles from Bundy Cemetery, turning right on Co. Rt. 7 and stop by home of Nielsons.

Across in field by end where there is a hedgerow of trees are about 60 graves.

Some families there are: Pope, Martin, Bundy, Hyatt, Neff.

Dates from 1829-early 1900's.

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HS-34

HOPKINS CEMETERY
Rt. 8 across from home of Brown - Fire No. 223 (about 1 mile past Otego Church).

Across & up field is cluster of trees enclosing graves of Harvey, Sheldon, Hughston, Hopkins, Clarke, Lent.

HS-34

Dates from 1823-1906.

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HS-35

NORTHRUP CEMETERY
Back road to Otego.

Turn right at the Paul Myers' farm and go across the track. House is 1 mile from Town of Otego line from Oneonta.

Stones for Brimmers and Northrups there. Other stones disappeared.

Dates from 1818-1873. Were once about 17 grave stones.

Mrs. Myers is a descendant of the Brimmers.

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HS-36

QUACKENBUSH CEMETERY
Back Road to Otego from Oneonta. 0.6 miles on right from the Otego Town Line.

Families included are Wickhams, and Quackenbushes. It is said that many other stones used to be there, but have been removed.

Dates from 1846-1868.

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HS-37

OLD INDIAN SIGNAL ROCK ON HILLER FARM
Flax Island Road, Otego
13849

HS-37 cont.

Rock is located near the old Flax Island Cemetery on the farm of Mr. Ignas Hiller.

Indians built fires on this high spot long before the Revolution.

Call Mr. Hiller at 607-988-6360 for appointment.

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HS-38

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY CAMP SITE
New York State Road Marker indicates site on Rt. 7, 2 miles NE of Otego Village.

Site for Sullivan-Clinton forces in August 11, 1779.

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HS-39

PINE GROVE CEMETERY
Portlandville on hill on right of bend leaving hamlet for Oneonta.

Gate says 1816-1917, but graves inside include up to 1922.

Names: Southworth, Winsor, Siver, Crawford, Wright, Thorn, Lane, Eldredge, Lyon, Packer, Dickson, Vanetten, Palmer, Westcott, Rifenburgh, Washburn, Bishop, Lane, Bork, Aylesworth.

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HS-40

ABNER ADAMS CEMETERY
On Town Road 1 1/2 miles north of S. Hartwick.

New York State Historical Marker on Road marking area.

HS-40 cont.

Adams died 1825 on August 5. He was one of Putnam's Rangers during the Revolutionary War. His grave lies within the fenced area.

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HS-41

SOUTH HARTWICK CEMETERY
County Road at South Hartwick.

Look for Blue New York State Historical Marker.

The Rev. Ebenezer White (1770-1813) a noted Methodist Minister (itinerant) is buried about 15 feet from the stone steps at the entrance.

Also includes graves of Doolittle, 1819; Lippitt, 1806.

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HS-42

CEMETERY
Road to Gilbertsville from Rt. 7 in Wells Bridge.

Proceed 2.3 miles along road until coming to house with Fire No. W317. Across to left on hill in clump of trees is spot. Graves include Jubar, Wait, Spencer, Austin, Lewis, Griffis, Potter, Lewis, Devol.

Located on what was once Blanchard and DeVol patents.

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HS-43

HYDE HALL
Near head of Otsego Lake

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HS-43 cont.

Built between 1819-1833 for George Hyde Clarke.

Designed by Philip Hooker; chief designer of Albany. Only 4 buildings designed by Hooker remain in existence.

Now being restored by the state; should be open for the public by 1970.

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HS-44

HORACE ROSEBOOM FARM
3 miles east of Westford Village.

On this farm is the body of Robert Roseboom who settled there in 1787.

The area is now grown over and ther would be great difficulty in finding the site. Turning right at the Four Corners in Middlefield and going to top of hill to area called 5 points and taking 1st left road is a Starting point. Advice from area residents is needed.

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HS-45

FORMER CARRIAGE SHOP
Westford, New York 13488

Chicken House adjacent to Ritten's General Store is former Carriage shop.

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HS-46

CEMETERY-WESTVILLE
At top of hill, Co. Road 35

HS-46 cont.

Range of markers, 1830-present.

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HS-47

FORMER HOTEL OF WESTVILLE, NEW YORK
Fire No. 41 on main road through Westville from Rt. 166.

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HS-48

FORMER WESTVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE
First on right on road to Cooperstown from Westville.

Now a family dwelling.

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HS-49

FORMER CHEESE FACTORY VATS
Located under garden at rear of home of Robert H. Combs (Fire No. 43) on Main Road in Westville just before turning for Cooperstown.

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HS-50

CEMETERY
Baptist Church of Westville, New York, near Fire No. 25.

Range of graves by year of death are from 1818 (Daniel Childester) up to 1924.

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HS-51

EARLY STONE QUARRY
Decatur, New York

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HS-51 cont.

Very small compared with those of today, yet at least 2 men were employed at a time to work there.

Right in center of Decatur.

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HS-52

LEWIS EDSON WATERMAN'S HOME
Decatur, New York

Inventor of fountain pen.

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HS-53

TANNERY
Schenevus, New York 12155

Tannery in western outskirts of village - first street on right coming from Oneonta on Rt. 7. Street is called Tannery Street.

Henry West remembers it when he was a child and took dinners to the workers there. Water race still visible.

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HS-54

GRISWOLD HOUSE
Schenevus, New York 12155

Formerly on Rt. 7, now by-passed.

Griswold House built in early 1800's.

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HS-55

CEMETERIES
Maryland, New York 12116

HS-55 cont.

Has a number of small cemeteries where many early settlers are buried:

Spencer Cemetery at Potato Creek Hill, Rt. 7.

Spencer Cemetery in lot beyond the second house below the Christian Church.

Rose Cemetery in western part of the village.

Platt Hollow Cemetery on the Platt Hill Road.

Crumhorn Mr. Cemetery, Hubbard Road.

See Town historian, Mrs. Ethelyn Hawkins, Schenevus, New York.

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HS-56

SCHENEVUS CEMETERY
Main Street
Schenevus, New York 12155

Many of the early settlers buried here, both of village of Maryland and Schenevus.

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HS-57

ELK CREEK CEMETERY
Elk Creek Road
Schenevus, New York 12155

Graves of early settlers in this end of Schenevus and nearby.

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HS-58

DRAPER FAMILY HOME
Westford, New York 13488

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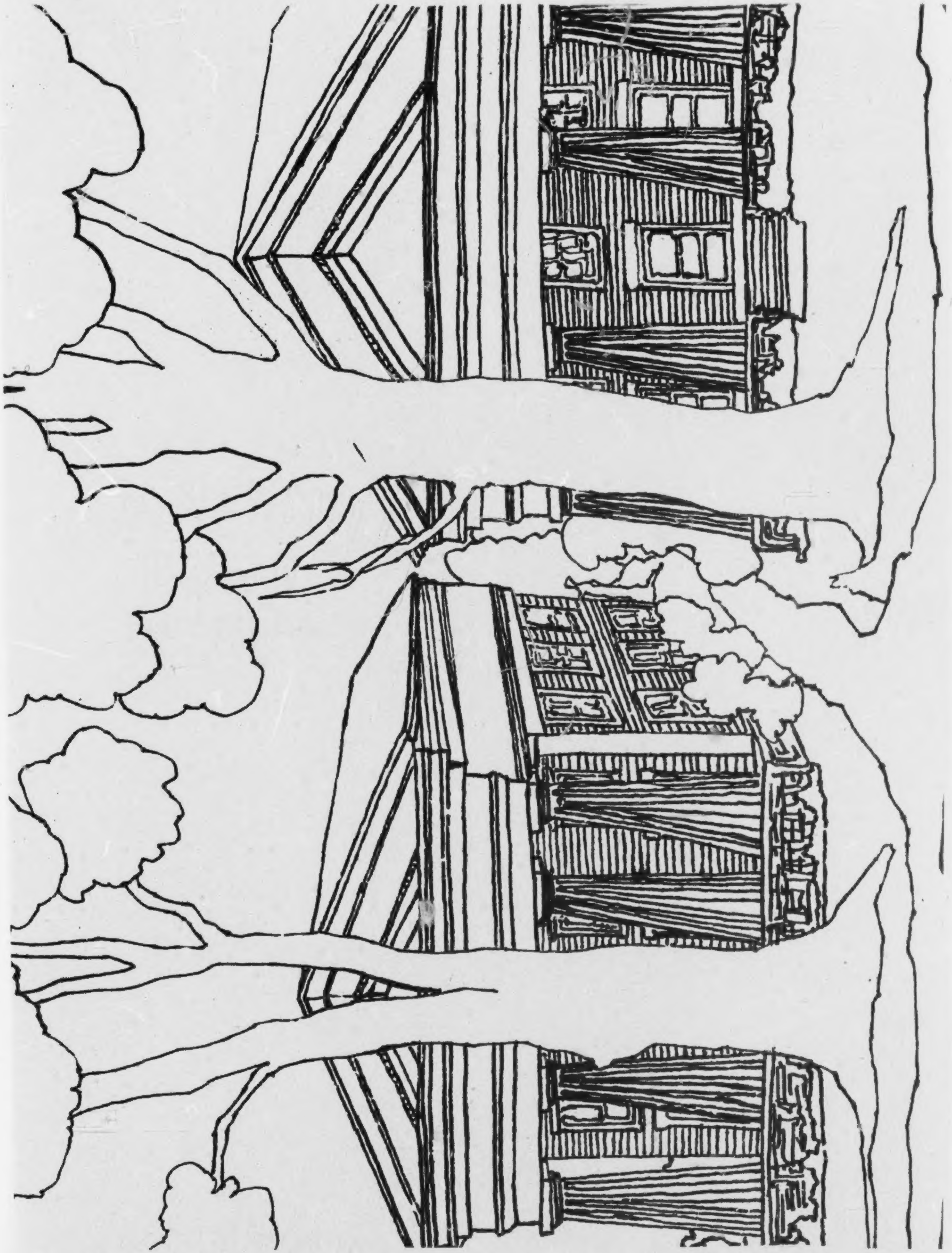

HS-58 cont.

Ancesters of Andrew S. Draper, former Commissioner of Education.

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HS-59

CARYL BUILDING
East Worcester
New York 12064

Built circa 1832, as combination store and residence, by Leonard Caryl with brick made in the town. In the peak of the roof may be seen the fixture for the tackles so that supplies could be lifted and taken in through the doors on the second and third floor on the end of the building.

Ballroom, still on the top floor, was used for many years.

This building is on Main Street and Rt. 7.

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HS-60

BECKER PROPERTY
South Worcester, New York

On main Charlotte Valley Road at South Worcester.

Practically all buildings remodeled, but very attractive and in early style.

Authority: Mrs. Lela M. Gibbs

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HS-61

WORCESTER, NEW YORK

HS-61 cont.

Home of President Garfield's grandfather and birthplace of his father.

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HS-62

ROBINSON MANSION
Main Street (Rt. 7)
Worcester, New York 12197

Imposing mansion started in 1832. Materials and workmen for the mansion were brought from Albany.

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HS-63

CEMETERY
East Worcester, New York
12064

Cemetery on left side of Rt. 7 was once in the churchyard of the East Worcester Baptist Church. A Revolutionary soldier is buried here in the tangle of grass and trees. The church burned and the cemetery was abandoned.

Rt. 7 between Worcester & East Worcester.

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HS-64

CEMETERY
Worcester, New York 12197

The old cemetery was located where bank building now stands. This was known as the Garfield plot. Bodies and stones were eventually removed to the Maple Grove Cemetery. This plot extended over Decatur Street, next the Bank.

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HS-64 cont.

It is reported that these reenterred bodies were placed in a special section.

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HS-65

WESTFORD, NEW YORK

Settled as early as 1795 by several groups. These include a group from Massachusetts, in which the Babcock family was an important asset.

Other Revolutionary soldiers, besides Jonas and Samuel Babcock, were early settlers.

For early history, consult Town Historian, Louis Holmes, or Mrs. Hilda Larson, author of A Century and A Half in Westford. Mrs. Larson also resides in Westford.

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L - LIBRARY

L-1

NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH LIBRARY
Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-LH7-2533

Open on a year round basis.

Operated by the New York State Historical Association.

Fine collection of books, manuscripts, newspapers, etc., dealing with the NYS history. Recently acquired collections of Carl Carmer & Roger Butterfield. Collection strong for early state history, folklore and life, and state crime.

Librarian - Dr. Paul Z. DuBois.

NOTE: In the appendix, a list of related literary and manuscript sources will be included.

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L-2

VILLAGE LIBRARY
Main Street
Laurens, New York 13796

On school lot. Recently built (1968) by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Alexander of Laurens, and will be turned over to the school. Among books of general interest reading will also be things of historical interest and the "Ambrose V. Powell Memorial Library Collection".

Eventually she will turn over scrapbooks, photos, etc.

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L-3

MORRIS, NEW YORK LIBRARY
Main Street
Morris, New York 13808

Vera Clint, Librarian

Has many old books of possible historical value.

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L-4

HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
62 Chestnut Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Millicent Epps, Librarian at 607-432-1980

Hours: Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturdays - 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Much historical data on New York State in the N.Y. State Room on second floor.

File cabinet by circulation desk has historical writings and copies of scrapbooks and diaries turned over to library.

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L & M-5

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME LIBRARY
Cooper Park
Cooperstown, New York 13326

Extensive collection of printed matter about baseball.

247-9988

Librarian - Jack Redding

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M - MUSEUM

M & HS-1

FORMER SCHOOL HOUSE
Just before bridge on Rt. 35
Middlefield, New York 13405

Presently houses the collection of items placed there by the Town of Middlefield Historical Association.

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M-2

YAGER MUSEUM
Hartwick College Library Building
Oneonta, New York 13820

Dr. Bruce Raemsch at
607-432-4200

Hours for academic year for museum visits are 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. week days, but special opening of the museum other than above can be arranged.

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M-3

DO-LINE RAILROAD MUSEUM
1 Railroad Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-1730

Weekdays - 2 & 3 p.m.
Sat., Sun., & Holidays
2,3,4,5 p.m. for Excursion Ride on Do-Line Railroad.

Adults $1.50 and Children under 12, $.75. Special rates for school tours.

Museum in old Railroad Station includes display of model trains, handcars, and many other interesting exhibits.

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M-4

CHERRY VALLEY MUSEUM
Main Street
Cherry Valley, New York
13320

264-3303

Open during Summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Interesting collections of local history. Lighted topographical map of area with tape giving information about areas of historical importance.

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M-5

INDIAN MUSEUM
1 Pioneer Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-9531

Peter Corey, Director
Clyde Olsen, Owner

Open all year

Good collection of Indian artifacts, most from this region. Owner and director are both very knowledgeable.

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M-6

FENIMORE HOUSE
Lake Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-LH7-2533

Open year round

Fine collection of folk art, furniture, etc. Features

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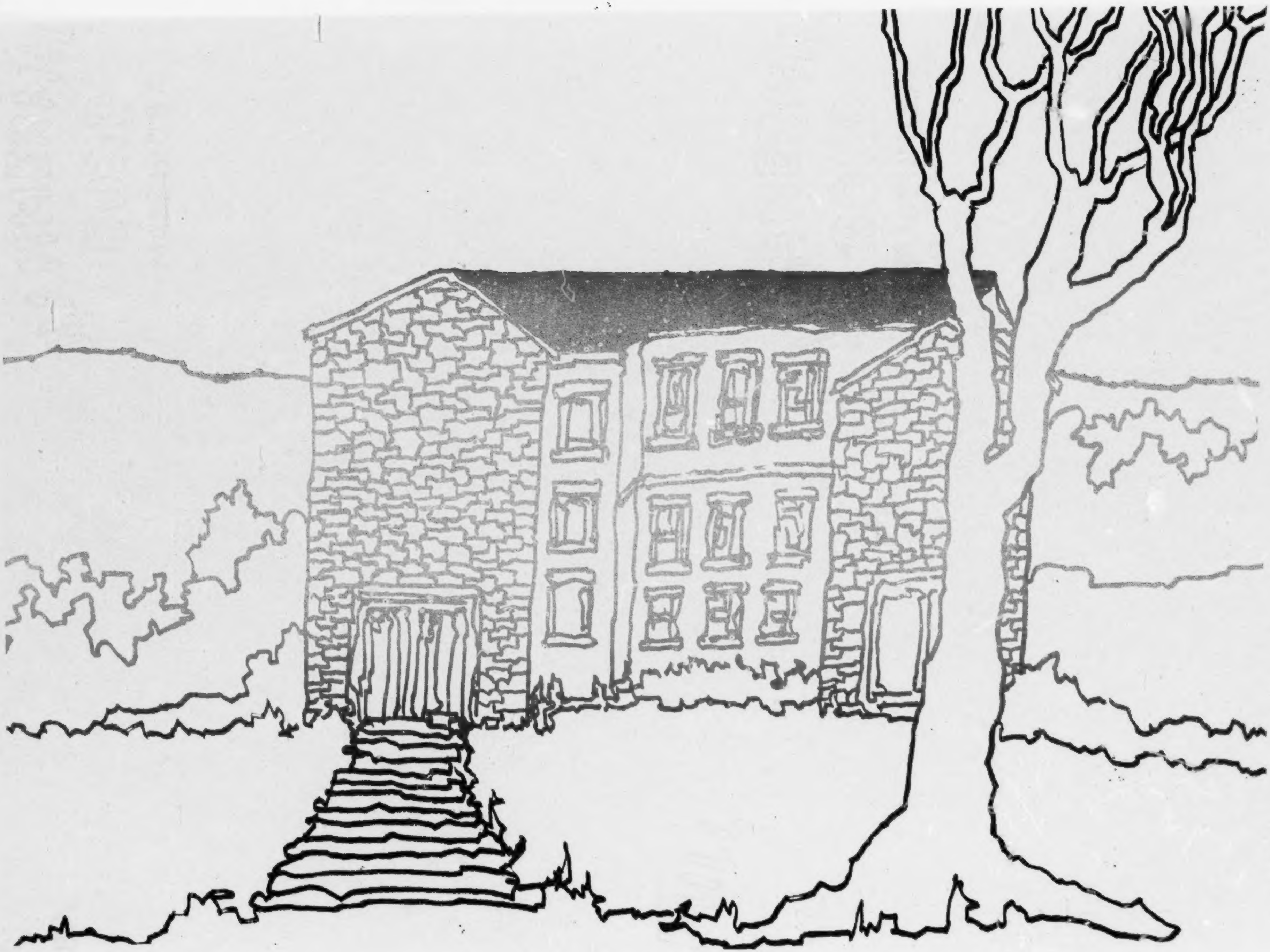

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Hall of Life Masks (the Browere collection).

Headquarters for the New York State Historical Association publishes New York History (Wendell Tripp, Editor) and supports an Education Department which sponsors State-wide Yorker organization.

Director: Dr. Louis C. Jones (Office in Research Library)

Vice Director: Frederick L. Rath

Assistant Director: Minor Wine Thomas, Jr.

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M-7

FARMERS' MUSEUM

Lake Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-LH7-2533

Open all year.

Operated by the New York State Historical Association.

Barn contains fine collection of items important to all facets of rural farmers life in the Age of Homespun. Featured are exhibits on the farmer's year and the woman's world.

The museum also consists of the village Crossroads, an authentic group of buildings (businesses, a church, tavern, and farm home) from the 1830's or 1840's.

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M-8

CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MUSEUM

Elk Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2771

Operated by the New York State Historical Association

Stable, carriages, harness and gear all kept in perfect order as they were when used daily by Ambrose Clark.

Former Clark employee, Peter Delaney, 95, who came to his job in 1910 remains in charge of caring for the building and equipment.

Tape recording of talk with Mr. Delaney on file at PROBE Office.

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PB - PUBLIC BUILDING - Government Building, Hospitals, Railroad Stations.

PB-1

COOPERSTOWN VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE
Village Library Building
22 Main Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2411

Contains vital statistics records from 1824 on

Clerk - Douglas Walrath

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PB-2

OTSEGO COUNTY COURT HOUSE COMPLEX
197 Main Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2555

County Clerk
Court House, 193 Main Street
Houses important records: deeds, wills, etc.

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PB-3

FOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Norton Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mrs. Julia Skinner, Director of Volunteer Services at 607-432-2000

Group size of 12 preferred, but class size of 25 may be split.

Minimum age - depends on the objectives of teacher requesting visit.

PB-3 cont.

Students may be permitted to visit areas of the hospital which are within the realm of safety both to the patients and to the visitors. The hospital visit would be excellent when discussing health services in the community.

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PB-4

ONEONTA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Chief Kenneth Hooks at 607-432-2348

No more than 4 or 5 would be able to visit at one time due to crowded conditions and interference with department activity. If an emergency should arise, it might mean cancelling an appointment.

It may be possible that a person from the Fire Department visit the classroom.

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PB-5

ONEONTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Municipal Building
Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Police Chief Joseph DeSalvatore at 607-432-1111

Elementary students would probably benefit most, but

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PB-5 cont.

older children welcome also.

Call well in advance for arrangements.

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PB-6

ONEONTA WATER DEPARTMENT
110 East Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

C. M. Tayler at 607-432-2100

Tuesday or Wednesday mornings best.

Recommended for all grade levels but more value to Jr. High and up.

Small groups of approximately 15 students.

Tour includes all aspects of water collection, treatment, and distribution.

Tour lasts approximately 1 hour.

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PB-7

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
POST OFFICE
Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Samuel Bertuzzi at
607-432-6100

Recommended times for visits are 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (preferred) or between 10:30 and 12 noon.

Closed holidays.

Grades 2-12

PB-7 cont.

Maximum size group - 25-30.

A visit to the post office is excellent for the study of communication by way of mail services.

Make prior appointment.

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PC - PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

PC-1

HISTORY OF MORRIS

The following in the possession of
Mrs. Gertrude Sanderson
20 S. Broad Street
Morris, New York 13808

1) Map showing Morris, New York area circa 1880.

2) School enrollment records of Morris Central School.

3) Diaries and church histories of Morris area.

4) Old photographs showing scenes in Morris area.

263-5275

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PC-2

DRUM TABLE

Made from an actural drum used in the famous Wells Bridge Band in the 1800's. Made into coffee table.

Home of Mrs. Dorothy Burnside on Rt. 7 next to Unatego School.

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PC-3

"STORY OF QUEEN KATE"

Written by Seth L. Youmans of Wells Bridge, New York

He was father of Mrs. Dorothy Burnside of Rt. 7, Wells Bridge. Mrs. Burnside has original copy plus Xeroxed ones.

PC-3 cont.

Father wrote down reminiscences of woman by name of Mrs. Canfield, nicknamed "Queen Kate" who moved into area. Good historical value.

Call YU8-6867.

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PC-4

HISTORICAL UNADILLA 1855-1930

Contains printed article by Seth L. Youmans about the area of Wells Bridge. Youmans died before his manuscript was published.

Call Mrs. Dorothy Burnside at YU8-6867.

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PC-5

SCRAPBOOK OF 1934-40

Wellsbridge Area

Scrapbook containing clippings, photos, and cards about Wells Bridge area.

Mr. Ben Carr in Wells Bridge has it.

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PC-6

PHOTOGRAPHS

Of old gristmill, wagon shop (where carriages, wagons, coffins, were made, also furniture), and the flax mill.

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PC-6 cont.

Possession of Louis Holmes
in Westford, New York.

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PC-7

FORMER WESTFORD LIBRARY ACCOUNT BOOKS

Shows books purchased, costs, No. of copies, and records of books loaned. When library disbanded, the books were distributed to members of the Library Association.

Louis Holmes' father was a member - Louis Holmes now has books.

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PC-8

CHURCH HISTORY

Records of formation of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Westford. Covers period from April 16, 1838 to 1889.

Possession of Mr. Louis
Holmes, Westford, New York.

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PC-9

FIREARMS COLLECTION
Mr. Charles Moore
Schenevus, New York 12155
R.D. 2

Phone 278-5721 - Needs advance notice.

Residence located in Simpsonville (Town of Davenport) on Charlotte Valley Road.

Collections of Firearms

PC-9 cont.

dating from Revolutionary War, including Civil War, down to the modern ones.

Includes bayonets, sabres, swords, Kentucky rifles, and accoutrements.

There are many Civil War memorials including Currier and Ives prints of the war. They're aredrums, many uniforms, even an original uniform of the Civil War, and a copy of a Revolutionary uniform; one of a West Pointer and of a Brigadier General.

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PC-10

COLLECTION OF OLD OUTFITS

Mrs. Leonia Haslun
Box 62
Summit, New York 12175

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PC-11

ACCOUNT BOOK OF JONAS BABCOCK
Of Partridgefield, Mass.

Written in 1795 and later; also some entries dated prior to that.

Jonas Babcock settled in Elk Creek on what is now Shirley Green's farm. Many names are found which were in both Mass. and New York.

Jonas Babcock was a Revolutionary soldier.

He and his family are buried behind the former Presbyterian Church in Westford, a perfect example of a neglected cemetery.

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PC-11 cont.

See Mrs. Ethelyn Hawkins,
Schenevus, New York 12155

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S - SCHOOL

S-1

EDWARD'S SCHOOL OF BEAUTY CULTURE
205 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Elsa MacDonald, Director or
Edward Abate, Proprietor
607-432-3111

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays between 9 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Jr. & Sr. High only.
Groups of about 12.

Students observe students of school working on each other or dolls.

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LH - LOCAL HISTORIAN

LH-1

MRS. RAYMOND ROGERS
Middlefield Center Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-9521

Local Historian for the Town of Middlefield.

Active member of Town of Middlefield Historical Society.

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LH-2

MRS. S. J. ALEXANDER
Laurens, New York 13796

607-432-4599

Town Historian - covers Laurens, W. Laurens, and Mt. Vision.

She has photos, scrapbooks, and recently transcribed a diary of Salmon Edmund Bostwick who lived in the Wilber Lake area (dates in diary 1826-37). 345 typed pages of the diary. The diary deals much with the Laurens area.

Mrs. Alexander is home from first of June through the 15th of November. During winter, she is in Florida.

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LH-3

MRS. JOHN H. CHASE (VERA)
South Main Street
Milford, New York 13807

607-286-9835 (Home most of the

LH-3 cont.

time, but call ahead.)

Mrs. Chase is the Town of Milford Historian, covering Milford, Milford Center, Portlandville, Colliersville, Cooperstown Junction.

Mrs. Chase will share information on the basis of the materials she has collected and will go out to show various sites in the area.

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LH-4

MRS. GERTRUDE SANDERSON
20 South Broad Street
Morris, New York 13808

263-5275

Town Historian

Town records prior to 1849 were destroyed in fire at Butternuts. Much material from 1849 on is in possession of Mrs. Sanderson, some on paper, but much in her head.

She does have many items such as diaries, photos, etc. which people have turned over to her.

She will consent to being taped. See list of collections under Private Collections.

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LH-5

MRS. GRACE VAY
Otsdawa Avenue
Otego, New York

988-6806

Town of Otego Historian

Has collections of notes and history of families around the Revolutionary period. Mrs. Vay will consent to being taped if she gets prior outline of things to discuss on the tape.

She also has genealogy of the Brown and Allen families of Otsdawa.

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LH-6

MRS. CHARLES HUGHES
90 Main Street
Richfield Springs, New York
13439

315-858-0433

Local historian for Town of Richfield.

Long time resident, very knowledgeable about local history.

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LH-7

MRS. WALTER HUNT, SR.
6 Church Street
Unadilla, New York 13849

369-3101

Town of Unadilla Historian

Can give help on Wells Bridge area.

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LH-8

MRS. ETHELYN HAWKINS
11 Arch Street
Schenevus, New York 12155

638-5698

Town of Maryland Historian

Has information on 1885 census; very early tax records; Civil War Bounty Book; Early Industrial locations.

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LH-9

MRS. PAUL Z. DU BOIS
7 Leatherstocking Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

547-9769

Otsego County Historian.

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LH-10

LOUIS J. HOLMES
Westford, New York 13488

Across from Store-Post Office

Mr. Holmes is local historian for Town of Westford. He has many of town records other than those at the firehouse safe or those at Ritten's General Store.

He will loan records for copy. He is willing to come and speak if transportation is provided.

Early converts to Mormonism here. Mr. Holmes has early church records, early cemetery records.

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PF - POLITICAL FIGURE - Government Officials, Elected Officers of all Branches of Government

PF-1

STEWART CRANDALL
Laurens, New York 13796

Mayor, Village of Laurens

607-432-2667

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PF-2

MRS. GRACE M. CRANDALL
Laurens, New York 13796

Clerk, Village of Laurens

607-432-2667

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PF-3

STUART PEASLEE
23 Delaware Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

Otsego Town Clerk

607-547-9225

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PF-4

MRS. BEATRICE W. ALLEN
Colliersville, New York

Postmistress

At Little Super next to
Homestead Restaurant

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PF-5

ALTON E. BRISCOE
Laurens, New York

Postmaster

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PF-6

MRS. DOROTHY L. FIELD
Hartwick Seminary
New York

Postmistress

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PF-7

MRS. JUNE B. HOTALING
Milford, New York

Village Mayor

607-286-9831

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PF-8

MRS. MINNIE M. THOMAS
Milford, New York

Village Clerk

607-286-3315

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PF-9

JOHN H. CHASE
Milford, New York

Postmaster

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PF-10

C. J. SMITH
S. Broad Street
Morris, New York

607-263-5589

Clerk, Village of Morris.

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PF-11

LYNN A. HARRIS
West Main Street
Morris, New York

Postmaster

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PF-12

MRS. RACHEL B. HOOSE
Mt. Vision
New York

Postmistress

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PF-13

SAMUEL J. BERTUZZI
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-6100

Postmaster

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PF-14

DR. ALEXANDER F. CARSON
28 Watkins Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-2110

PF-14 Cont.

Must make appointment.

Dr. Carson is Otsego County Democratic Chairman, and is well able to give a picture of the political structure and situation.

It is possible, by appointment, that students may visit him, or he may visit the classroom to discuss things of the political science nature.

Grades 4 and above.

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PF-15

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. MOLINARI
16 Dietz Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-3290

New York State Supreme Court Justice.

Judge Molinari has been willing to have visitors to his office to talk with him and to use his library there.

He can offer information concerning the court structure in the State and will discuss the function of his office.

He is most happy to cooperate, but with a busy schedule, he requests that prior appointments be made to assure his availability.

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PF-16

MR. FRANCIS P. SECOR
Otego
New York

Postmaster

Family also knows some background information of Otego area.

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PF-17

HARRY BOUTON
160 Main Street
Otego, New York

607-988-2247

Village Mayor

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PF-18

MARGUERITE E. VROMAN
Otego
New York

Village Clerk

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PF-19

FRANCES E. BOBNICK
Portlandville
New York

Postmistress (Clerk in Charge)

PF-20

LAWRENCE E. DARLIN
Wells Bridge
New York

Postmaster

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PF-21

JOHN A. HARRINGTON
West Oneonta
New York

Postmaster

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PF-22

MRS. JUNE RITTEN
Westford
New York

Westford Town Clerk

She has some of the town records and access to others in the firehouse safe.

She recommends Avis Tyler, Leta Snyder, and Robert Dickson as resource persons.

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PF-23

JOHN E. PALMER
Westford
New York

Postmaster

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PF-24

GEORGE H. MANSFIELD
S. Broad Street
Morris, New York

Village Mayor

607-263-5184

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SP - SIGNIFICANT PERSON: People with Special Collections; Artists; Musicians; Writers; Teachers; Clergymen; Local "Story Tellers"; Newspaper Editors; Businessmen; Union Men; Doctors; Lawyers; Judges; Craftsmen; Sports Stars

SP-1

MR. & MRS. C. DEANE SINCLAIR
Church Street
Cherry Valley, New York 13320

607-264-6501

Both Mr. & Mrs. Sinclair are very active in the Cherry Valley Museum. They are very knowledgeable about local history.

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SP-2

GEORGE CAMPBELL
Lake Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Curator, Farmer's Museum.

Very knowledgeable about history of farming, farm tools, etc.

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SP-3

CLYDE OLSEN
Cooperstown, New York 13326

President and Owner of Indian Museum.

Lay archaeologist, knowledgeable about Indians of this area.

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SP-4

PETER COREY
1 Pioneer Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-9531

Director, Indian Museum

Very knowledgeable about Indian artifacts and lore.

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SP-5

MRS. VIRGINIA P. PARTRIDGE
Farmers' Museum, Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Assistant Curator Farmers' Museum.

Specialist: weaving, spinning, dyeing (Homemaking crafts during Age of Homespun).

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SP-6

MINOR WINE THOMAS, JR.
New York State Historical Association
Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Assistant Director, New York State Historical Association.

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SP-6 Cont.

Formerly with Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan and Colonial Williamsburg.

Specialist - New York State Agriculture and Antique Furniture.

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SP-7

DR. BRUCE R. BUCKLEY
Cooperstown Graduate Program
New York State Historical Association
Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Assistant Director, Cooperstown Graduate Program (Operated by State University College at Oneonta and the New York State Historical Association).

Specialist - Folklore (Folklife and Oral Traditions)

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SP-8

MRS. CECILY I. DODD
10 Susquehanna Avenue
Cooperstown, New York

607-547-9223

Native Cooperstown resident.

Possesses extensive stereoptican collection of local Cooperstown scenes. Very knowledgeable about local history.

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SP-9

DR. LOUIS C. JONES
New York State Historical Association
Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Director of New York State Historical Association.

Specialist in New York Folklore and Museums.

Author of numerous items, such as Things That Go Bump In the Night; Spooks in the Valley; and Growing up In Cooper Country.

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SP-10

WALDO ELLSWORTH
8 Lake Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2446

Retired employee and officer of the First National Bank of Cooperstown. Knows history of early banking in this section of county. Author of "Cooperstown's First Bank", New York History. Vol. 39-1941

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SP-11

MRS. FLORENCE WARD
New York State Historical Association
Lake Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2533

Registrar, New York State Historical Association.

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Possesses excellent photo and history file on homes in Cooperstown. Very knowledgeable about local history.

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SP-12

PETER DELANEY
Carriage & Harness Museum
Elk Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2771

At 95, this remarkable man remains at his post in a museum which houses the horses and vehicles once used for Mr. Ambrose Clark's Sport driving.

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SP-13

JACK LENNEBACKER
c/o Freeman's Journal
62 Pioneer Street
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-2545 Office
607-547-9055 Home

He is member of the Town of Middlefield Historical Association, a member of the Board of Directors. Has been active in setting up the museum in Middlefield Schoolhouse.

Call at the Journal from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at home other times.

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SP-14

LEMAN GARLICK
Goodyear Lake
R.D., Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-3757

Mr. Garlick has many photos of the Colliersville area. It is possible for responsible persons to view same, and depending on the person, it may be possible to copy the photos. He is most concerned with the safety of the material.

Mr. Garlick indicated a possible cost for his time in meeting with interested persons, depending on length of time; and also a kind of rent on materials loaned for copy.

Contact during evening.

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SP -15

WILLIAM "FERN" FURGUSON
East Worcester, New York

Did a collection booklet or album on Town of Westford and sent it to the Historical Society at Fenimore House. Album included photos, newspaper clippings, and typed commentaries on each.

He is now completing one on Worcester. Mr. Louis Holmes has possession of it until it goes to Cooperstown.

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SP-16

MRS. RUSSELL AUNGER
Index, New York (Formerly Hope Factory)

607-547-2218

Mrs. Aunger has photos showing former situation when her feed store was the grist mill; has photos of the dike, houses, former Hope Cotton Mills.

Large numbers of students can be handled at one time.

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SP-17

BERNICE WARDELL
Laurens, New York

Formerly of Long Island, Miss Wardell has spent much time during the past 10 years doing research on the Laurens area. Each year she puts out a pictorial calendar showing historic sites of the area.

Contact may be made through Allen's Grocery in Laurens.

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SP-18

RODNEY E. JOHNSON
Middlefield Center Road
Cooperstown, New York 13326

607-547-8003

He is presently president of the Town of Middlefield Historical Association. Both he and his wife are active in the group and have many records and much knowledge of the area.

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Materials he mentioned include:

1. Microfilm copy of a journal kept by George Washington Johnson, Dartmouth graduate and schoolmaster from 1827-28
2. Middlefield 50 Years Ago, written in 1903 (this is a copy of the manuscript)
3. Account book of the Huntington Last Works of Middlefield Center
4. Day book from Westvill Hotel and Store
5. Photostats of the Masonic Lodge Records
6. Tape of Mr. Charles Hern who was postmaster and historian of Middlefield for 50 years (1898-1944). His home was supposed to be the former J. L. Phinney tavern and public house (circa 1790-1800), the walls have old painted murals believed to be circa 1830 and second known works of a William Price, the murals having been discovered under wall paper.

He also knows of other locations of former structures, etc. He and his wife and a few others have worked to start the museum in the former Middlefield schoolhouse.

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SP-19

MRS. LEILA CLARK
Middlefield Center
New York (Fire No. Z-857) (Summer)

73 Pioneer Street
Cooperstown, New York (Winter)

She is active in the Town of Middlefield Historical Association, and has written various

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papers concerning names and places of the area.

She has shoe last from the Daniel Keller shoe shop.

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SP-20

MRS. NELLIE BALCOM
Hinman Hollow Hill
Town of Hartwick, New York

607-293-7947

Her sister, Pearl A. Weeks, wrote Pioneer Industries of the Hartwick area and family had it printed when she died.

She has copies of book for sale for $3. (Not available in bookstores.) Book has great bit of information of former industries of the area.

She also recommended Harry Bilderbeck of Hartwick, since he is a descendent of the Rockwells who owned one of the old mills.

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SP-21

MR. & MRS. HARRY BILDERBECK
Main Street
Hartwick, New York

Next to Christian Church

607-293-7561 for appointment.

These people know best the area of South Hartwick. Mr. Bilderbeck's family dates way back in the area history.

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LEE SHERMAN
Milford, New York 13807

607-286-9949

He can give information about Sherman Cemetery on his land.

His relatives were in the Hoag family.

Turn left in Milford at light and go about 1.6 miles out. Half way between two bends of curve on right is the Sherman Home. Cemetery is just before home.

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SP-23

ANSON C. KNAPP
E. Main Street
Milford, New York 13807

607-286-9855

Has photographs of Milford area to show for those interested.

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SP-24

FRANCIS TIPPLE
E. Main Street
Milford, New York 13807

607-286-7661

Interested in history of area of Milford and can supply information when called upon.

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SP-25

MR. & MRS. FRANK DUROE
North Stage Route
Morris, New York 13808

Mr. Duroe is oldest resident in that area. Mrs. Duroe is former school teacher. Can give information on Chapin Cemetery.

Call to arrange interview.

607-263-5287

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SP-26

MYRON GEORGE
County Route 12
New Lisbon, New York

263-5247 for appointment

Mr. George has photographs, post cards, and letters concerning Morris and New Lisbon which he inherited from deceased Roy Gilbert.

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SP-27

MRS. EVELYN (DONALD) KNOWLES
66 Maple Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-0756

Mrs. Knowles has in her possession:

1. Burleigh Map of Oneonta (late 1800's)
2. Young children's reading books (1875)
3. Small booklets printed by H & E Phinney of Cooperstown,
4. Spinning Wheel and Flax Wheel
5. Old clothing of 1860's
6. Copy of A Valedictory and Monitory Writing left by Sarah Goodhue printed in 1681
7. Carpet bag
8. Autograph books of 1842-49 and 1881-88.

Might loan out some of the items; otherwise small groups of 4-5 may visit her home.

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SP-28

MISS MARY E. FERGUSON
11 Harmon Avenue
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-6217

Has much information to offer in line of reminiscences of life of the past in Middlefield. Her family were hop raisers and has been called upon to discuss hop raising.

She would consent to being taped if someone presents her with an outline and has indicated that she would also write.

She has a sister in St. Petersburg, Florida, who used to be a teacher in the Dubbendale Schoolhouse below where they lived. Miss Ferguson will write to her sister and ask her to write her reminiscences.

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SP & LH-29

DR. H. CLAUDE HARDY
89 Elm Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-2851 for appointment

Dr. Hardy retired at the end of July, 1968 as curator of the Yager Museum at Hartwick College. He will remain as

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Historian for the City of Oneonta.

He expressed an interest in extra work if anyone needs his services.

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SP-30

E. LESTER TOWNSEND
R.D. 2
West End, Oneonta, New York

Located across from Frank Fatta Real Estate Office.

607-432-2809 for appointment.

Mr. Townsend, a retired banker, has a vast knowledge of the past history of most places in Otsego County. He knows of the former family land holdings, etc.

He is also able to discuss much about the former Cooperstown Railroad, steam boats on Otsego Lake.

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SP-31

EDWIN R. MOORE
164 Main Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-1187

Mr. Moore has visited many classrooms in the past and has conducted tours of sites of former Indian villages, camps, and trails. He claims to be best available during the morning and mid-afternoon.

Mr. Moore has quite a bit of information on Otsego County,

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having written four volumes of In Old Oneonta.

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SP-32

RICHARD BOOKHOUT
16 Dietz Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-5970

Mr. Bookhout is presently Surrogate Court Justice and was District Attorney in Otsego County for 7 years. He is capable of discussing details of either his former or present offices.

Maximum group size feasible to visit him would be 4-5 and depending on circumstances and schedule, he may be able to visit the classroom.

Important to make appointment well in advance.

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SP-33

RONALD E. ROWLEY, ATTORNEY
48 Dietz Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

Mr. Rowley has completed 8 years as Oneonta City Court Judge and has shown a great interest in educating young people in areas of law and order.

It is possible that Mr. Rowley may visit classrooms or receive small groups, depending upon the time and place.

Recommended for grades 4-12 since younger grades still have to learn about the Police Department.

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Call office - 607-432-0910 well enough in advance to fit into his schedule.

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SP-34

GEORGE TYLER
16 Dietz Street
Oneonta, New York 13820

607-432-4500

General Manager of Oneonta Chamber of Commerce.

He can offer much information on all aspects of Oneonta activity of the present day, the people, places, businesses, recreation, etc.

Mainly of interest to grades 7-12, but possibly grades 4-6, considering the objectives.

Call first for appointment and tell what information may be needed so Mr. Tyler can schedule time and prepare materials.

Small groups of around 6 may visit office, or possibly he may be able to go to classroom.

Most convenient times are
9 a.m. - 12 noon and
12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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SP-35

MRS. NINA HOLBROOK
Otego, New York

607-432-2637 for appointment

She is descendant of the harness making Holbrooks and the Sissons of the Wells Bridge area. Her home is directly at point ahead on sharp curve on hill going out of Otsdawa. Her home is approximately 130 years old.

Mrs. Holbrook can tell about history of the area.

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SP & PC-36

MRS. HELENA MYERS
Otego, New York

County Rt. 48, Back Road to Otego. One mile from Oneonta-Otego Town Line.

607-988-7960

She has scrapbook of photos, post cards, photos and clippings, deeds, newspapers. Box of old diaries of grandparents; letters of Civil War period; has several daguerreotype photos, on wall in home is an oil painting of a relative of hers and the frame is all hand leatherwork done by subject in painting.

Has Volume I copy of Oneonta Herald and others.

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SP-37

MRS. ROBERT HIGBY
Wells Bridge, New York

607-988-7940

Did research on history of the Methodist Church (now the Wells Bridge United Methodist Church).

Take first dirt road on bend of Rootville Road by Firehouse. House at top.

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SP-38

ARTHUR ROOT
Rootville Road
Wells Bridge, New York

Old time resident of Wells Bridge - can share history of his youngers days. Mr. Root is about 80 years old.

607-988-7709

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SP-39

BEN CARR
Wells Bridge, New York

607-988-7734

First house up on bank upon entering on Rt. 7

He has knowledge of area, has copies of scrapbook, and an old Otsego County Atlas.

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SP & PC-40

MRS. DEFOREST ADEE
West Street
West Oneonta, New York

Mrs. DeForest is a long-time resident of West Oneonta and has possession of many picture postcards, a scrapbook, some old letters, and a few diaries.

By appointment, she is willing to meet with about 6 youngsters who may care to visit home on committee reports.

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SP & PC-41

CARLTON FAIRFIELD
South Street
West Oneonta, New York

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607-432-2629

Mr. Fairfield has old photos and is familiar with past history of the area. He prefers to act as a resource person for teachers who call for appointments and is wary of being able to communicate with school children.

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SP-42

MRS. JAY MC COLLISTER
Westville, New York

On main road through Westville at location of Texaco Station.

Age 92. She is daughter of T.A. Hoose of Middlefield. Came to Westville in 1904. Husband ran blacksmith shop and sawmill. Short tape on file at PROBE office.

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SP-43

FERN FERGUSON
E. Worcester, New York

Knows history of Worcester, the home of several Revolutionar settlers from New England.

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SP-44

ROY L. BUTTERFIELD (Deceased)

A tape of reminiscences by Mr. Butterfield was made and is in the possession of the PROBE office and Mrs. Dorothy Wallace at Oneonta Junior High School

The Tape has reminiscences of The Hartwick area as well as other parts of Otsego County.

GEOLOGY

GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN CHENANGO, DELAWARE AND OTSEGO COUNTIES, NEW YORK

By Dave Hutchison

Introduction This report lists, describes and explains the origin of some of the geological features that may be seen in the field in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties, New York. A brief geological history of the area is given first. This is followed by the description of the glacial and geological features. No attempt has been made to list museums, collections or libraries in the area although some of the institutions of higher education may have these resources available. Information about maps, geological reports and aerial photographs is given at the end of the report.

The nature of this report permits a listing of only a few examples of the glacial and geological features found in the area. It is hoped that students will use the described examples as references for their own observations and will enlarge upon this list. As a student observes a feature he should ask himself two questions: "How was the feature formed?", and "When was the feature formed?" Often he can't give a definite answer to either of these questions, but he might come up with a logical answer, thus utilizing the inquiry approach. Further study might show that his first answer was correct or that it should be modified in light of new evidence. In either case the student has transcected time and has used his powers of observation and reason to piece together some sort of a working hypotheses to explain a feature that was formed thousands or perhaps millions of years ago.

Geological History - General The earth is about 4.5 billion years old, but there is no direct evidence of this in any rocks in New York. The oldest rocks exposed in New York are the Precambrian rocks of the Adirondack Mountains and the Hudson Highlands around West Point, which are about 1.1 billion years old. These are igneous and metamorphic rocks which were derived from older sedimentary and igneous rocks. Although the first living forms developed earlier in Precambrian time two or three billion years ago, there is little chance of finding any evidence of life in the Precambrian rocks in New York because of their intense deformation.

Precambrian time lasted until about 600 million years ago (.6 billion years ago). During the last few million years of Precambrian time there was extensive erosion or peniplanation which reduced the previously existing Precambrian mountains and highlands to a level surface called a "peniplane".

Cambrian seas invaded New York between 600 and 500 million years ago depositing sandstones on top of the flat Precambrian erosion surface and limestones and dolomites on top of the sandstones. The Cambrian sediments can be seen along routes 5 and 5S east of Canajoharie and at other places along the Mohawk River Algal growths are preserved in these same aged rocks at the Petrified Gardens four miles west of Saratoga Springs.

During Ordovician time (500 to 430 million years ago) seas continued to occupy most of New York. Limestones, dolomites and shales were deposited in the Early Ordovician seas. In some parts of New York there are abundant fossils in the Early Ordovician. During middle and Late Ordovician time muddier conditions existed in the seas as the sediments of the Queenston delta were being deposited. This delta was built by rivers carrying muds and sand from the Taconic Mountains which were being uplifted in the eastern part of New York and states to the east. The part of the dark shale and sandstone sequence can be seen immediately north of Sharon Springs on Route 10 in Schoharie County. As these beds contain very few fossils, it can be concluded that conditions were not favorable for life at this location, or if conditions were favorable for life all traces of it have been destroyed. Probably the first explanation is valid because the waters were too muddy for animals to thrive.

During Silurian times (430 to 395 million years ago) many different conditions prevailed in New York. Thick salt beds, which represent evaporating seas in an arid climate, thin iron ore deposits, wind blown sands, fossiliferous shales and limestones are found in various parts of the state. The only Silurian rocks exposed in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties are fossiliferous limestones in the northern part of Otsego County and adjacent Schoharie County. These are probably exposed along Route 80 between Springfield Center and Van Hornesville along Route 166 north of Route 20 although neither of these probable outcrops have been field checked. In adjacent Schoharie County, Silurian rocks are well exposed on Route 10 on the south side of Sharon Springs. The Silurian rocks are not as thick here as they are further west in the state because this area was at the edge of the Silurian seas. To the west the Silurian rocks become much thicker and, because they are relatively resistant to erosion, form a prominent cliff (or escarpment). This escarpment which is capped by the resistant Lockport dolomite extends across western New York and Ontario and is responsible for the formation of Niagara Falls.

Many fossils such as brachiopods, gastropods, and corals to mention a few can be found in Silurian rocks.

Geological History of Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties In the three county area and, in fact, in all of southern New York and the Catskill Mountains the exposed rocks are almost exclusively Devonian in age (395 to 345 million years ago). The Devonian rocks are well exposed and reveal an interesting story of the geological events which took place.

During Early Devonian time warm seas covered the three county area and the rest of southern New York depositing a thick limestone called the Helderberg limestone. The name comes from the Helderberg Mountains southwest of Albany where the limestone is well exposed. It is also well exposed in places along Route 20 in northern Otsego County especially just east of Route 166. In adjacent Schoharie County it is exposed northeast of Cobleskill where extensive solution and cave development have taken place. Many animals lived in this warm, limy sea and fossil corals, brachiopods, gastropods, crinoids, and trilobites can be found in the Helderberg limestone. In some places chert is found in discontinuous layers in the limestone. Because the Helderberg limestone is relatively more resistant to erosion than adjacent formations it forms a prominent cliff or escarpment from the Helderberg Mountains to approximately Utica.

After deposition of the limestone, the seas withdrew from the area and a surface of erosion (or an unconformity) developed on top of the Helderberg limestone. Seas again advanced into the area depositing first sandstones and shales on the unconformity and then another limestone, the cherty Onondaga limestone. The contact between the sandstones and shales and the overlying Onondaga limestone can be seen on the east side of Route 166 about 1/2 mile south of the turnoff for Route 20. The sandstone contains some peculiar markings whose origin is unknown and the overlying Onondaga limestone contains brachiopods, corals and crinoids in the lower part. These fossils have been replaced by silica and do not weather as quickly as the enclosing limestone. It has taken thousands of years for these fossils to weather out of the limestone so they should NOT BE COLLECTED.

The Onondaga limestone is resistant to erosion and forms a conspicuous escarpment across much of New York.

At the end of Early Devonian time extensive mountain building was taking place again in New England. This produced upland areas whose sediment laden streams drained westward into New York forming another delta, the Catskill delta. Thick deltaic deposits extended across much of New York and southward into Pennsylvania. At first the muds and sands were deposited in a shallow sea forming the Hamilton Group which contains abundant marine fossils such as brachipods, pelecypods, gastropods and trilobites. Later in the Devonian the rising land mass to the east supplied so much sediment that the delta built itself upward above sea level. These sediments formed the Geness Group, Sonyea Group, Java Group, and West Falls Group which are considered to be continued in origin rather than marine because of their red color and the presence of plant fossils. The iron in the sediments combined with free oxygen in the air to be oxidized to a red iron oxide. These red continental sediments are seen in numerous road cuts at higher elevations in the southern part of Otsego County, the eastern part of Chenango County and extensively in Delaware County. An extensive fossil forest was uncovered near Gilboa in Schoharie County when the dam for the Schoharie reservoir was being built. Stumps from this forest can be seen on the west side of the bridge across Schoharie Creek just north of Gilboa Dam. Other plant fossils are abundant in the continental sedimentary rocks in southern New York and the Catskill Mountains.

Some other features which are compatable with a deltaic origin for these rocks are cross-bedding and ripple marks. The cross-bedding may have been formed by meandering streams flowing across the delta and depositing their sediment at an incline to other bedding plances in a previously cut channel or depression. Cross-bedding may also have been formed by water currents in the shallow water of the marine part of the delta.

Ripple marks may be formed by currents in shallow water in a marine environment or along the floodplain of a river. Both cross-bedding and ripple marks are quite common in the three county area.

In some of the marine beds flow rolls are present. Presumably these were formed when the unconsolidated sediments deposited on the inclined surface of the delta started to slide and roll down the gentle slope. The resulting bed has a rolled, cylindrical appearance. These are well exposed at the north end of the outcrop along Route 28 at Goodyear Lake dam in Otsego County, near Colliersville.

Post-Devonian Geological History in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties No bedrock younger than Devonian age is present in the three county area or anywhere in the Catskill Mountains. Either these rocks were never deposited or else if they were deposited they were later removed by erosion, thus the events from the end of the Devonian to the beginning of the Cenozoic (345 to 65 million years ago) are not recorded and represent a hugh gap in the geological record of this area. During this time another peniplane was formed.

Since the beginning of the Cenozoic (65 million years ago) and perhaps earlier the area has probably been gently domed upward. This increase in elevation has given the streams renewed energy over millions of years enabling them to erode deeply into the bedrock and the post-Devonian peniplane. The Susquehanna, West Branch and East Branch of Delaware, Unadilla, and Chenango valleys probably were all eroded because of this doming, producing a dissected Plateau. As these major streams eroded the bedrock, they cut through both resistant sandstones and less resistant shales to form deep valleys. Tributary streams drained into these but some did not carry enough water to erode the more resistant sandstones. Consequently, in some places waterfalls have developed where the streams flow over the sandstones.

Because the sandstone is more resistant than the shales, it frequently caps the tops of mountains and forms relatively steep cliffs while the shale which is protected from erosion by the overlying sandstone forms more gentle slopes. This comparison between the sandstone and the shale can be seen in many places. One good example is South Hill three miles east of Oneonta. A good vantage point is from the parking lot of Grant's Store on Route 7. At one time shale may have been on top of the sandstone, but it has been eroded away.

In summary, most of the rocks of the three county area were deposited as part of the Devonian Catskill delta. The earlier (or lower) rocks of the delta contain abundant marine fossils and are dark in color, but the later (or upper) parts of the delta contain continental fossils including plant remains and are red in color. As the supply of sediment was from the east, the sediments in the Catskill Mountains are more coarse, thicker and have a greater percentage of red beds than the sediments in the western part of the state.

Within the Devonian aged rocks, there are several alternating sandstone and shale beds which reflect uplift and increased stream flow in the source area to the east.

Erosion has played an important role in developing the mountains and valleys.

Rocks older than the Devonian sediments of the Catskill delta are exposed along the edge of the Catskill Mountains to the north where streams in the wide Mohawk Valley have eroded a broad, deep valley and to the east in parts of Schoharie County.

The present accordant heights of the hills and mountains are remnants of the post-Devonian peniplane which has been warped or domed upward.

Glacial History of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego Counties During the last million years ice covered much of the northern part of North America. New York was covered at least once and possibly as many as four times. The last glacial ice melted from the three county area about 10,000 years ago which is not very long ago considering that we were previously talking about events which took place hundreds of millions of years ago.

The glacier both eroded and deposited material. Some of the erosive features are the over steepening of the sides of many of the major valleys and the development of a "U" shaped profile from the original "V" shaped profile which rivers had eroded. The Susquehanna, Cherry Creek, Charlotte, Unadilla, and Chenango valleys plus many others all show evidence of this. This is especially evident on topographic maps.

In many places glacial striations show to a minor extent the erosive ability of the glaciers and indicate the direction of ice movement at that locality. The striations are scratches in the bedrock produces when rocks frozen in the glacial ice were dragged across the bedrock.

In general, evidence of glacial and glaciofluvial deposition is abundant in the valleys. "Glaciofluvial" deposits are formed by rivers carrying the melt water of the glaciers. Moraines, kames, kame terraces and kettle holes are all common in the valleys.

Moraines are constructed when the rate of melting at the front of the glacier is equal to the forward flow of ice within the glacier. As a result the sand, gravel and boulders which are entrapped in the flowing ice are deposited at the front of the glacier in irregular, unsorted, and unstratified piles several tens of feet or hundreds of feet high. In the three county area the best moraines are found in the valleys, although in other parts of New York and North America excellent moraines are found in other places.

Kames are formed when there is a depression on the ice and the melt water forms a lake. Sands and gravels are deposited in the lake to form sorted and stratified deposits which are lowered down onto the ground as the ice melts away.

Kame terraces are formed when a river carrying melt water flows between the ice in the center of the valley and the valley wall. Stratified and sorted sands and gravels are deposited in the bed of the river. This is lowered down onto the side and floor of the valley when the ice melts.

As kames and kame terraces contain clean water washed sands and gravels, they are good sources of commercial sand and gravel. Most of the gravel pits in the three county area are either kames or kame terraces.

Kettle holes are depressions a few hundred feet to a few thousand feet across and several tens of feet deep in glacial moraines or associated deposits. These are formed when large blocks of stagnant ice are covered with glacial debris as the glacier melts. Eventually these large hunks of ice melt leaving a depression. A very good example of a kettle hole is just west of Route 28 1.7 miles south of Cooperstown.

Glaciers also produced some interesting side effects in the three county area as a result of the ice damming up rivers to form lakes which overflowed and cut deep gorges. Grand Gorge which is south of the village of Grand Gorge on Route 30 in Delaware County was eroded when ice dammed the Schoharie River north of Grand Gorge and the resulting lake drained out through Bear Kill to the East Branch of the Delaware River at the lowest point which was free from ice.

A similar situation occured when ice blocked the Mohawk River and formed a lake which overflowed at the lowest ice free point to the south. One of the first ice free outlets was just north of Cherry Valley in northern Otsego County. The lake drained through this outlet to Cherry Valley Creek for only a short time until the ice melted away from lower outlets at Summit Lake four miles above Springfield Center and at a low spot one mile north of East Springfield in northern Otsego County and at a place near North Winfield in Herkimer County. The water flowed through these outlets and entered the Susquehanna and Unadilla Rivers. Another outlet also drained into Chenango River.

The gorge at Grand Gorge is much deeper than any of the other former channels mentioned, so apparently this served as an outlet for a much longer time than any of the other outlets.

At the time when the overflow water from the lakes flowed southerly the valley floors were not eroded as deeply as they are at the present time and the rivers flowed at a higher elevation than they do at the present time. Some of these were as much as 100 feet higher than the present rivers. The old flood plains of the rivers can still be seen in many places as terraces elevated above the present river.

In summary, the glacial ice modified the three county area by producing "U" shaped valleys and depositing glaciofluvial debris in the valleys, but most of the topography was produced by streams eroding the Devonian deltaic sediments.

List of Glacial and Glaciofluvial Features The following lists some features that were formed by the glaciers of the rivers associated with the melting of the glaciers ("glaciofluvial" features). As the glaciers melted the rivers were carrying much more water 10,000 years ago than they are at the present time, and the rivers were flowing several tens of feet or perhaps a hundred feet higher than they are at the present time. Since then the present rivers have eroded down into the glacial and glaciofluvial materials.

As present streams are much smaller that the streams carrying the glacial melt water, they are "underfit streams". This means that the present streams are too small to have cut the wide valleys seen in most of the three county area.

It should be remembered that the valleys were initially eroded several millions of years ago and that the glaciers and their melt water have just modified these earlier formed valleys.

LAND FORMS THAT ARE OF INTEREST IN THE PROBE AREA

Along Susquehanna River

1. Harpursville - elevated terrace at 1075'.
2. Bainbridge - elevated terrace on south side of river at 1110'.
3. Sidney - Note valley of Susquehanna becomes wider below its confluence with the Unadilla River due to the increase in water carried by the valley south of the confluence when the glaciers were melting.
4. Unadilla - River Terrace south of river at site of Evergreen Hill Cemetery 1120'. Also terrace along Route 7B two miles east of junction with Route 7 at 1120'. Terrace between Susquehanna River and Ouleout Creek 2 1/2 - 3 miles east of Unadilla at 1140'.
5. Otego - about three miles east of Otego on south side of Susquehanna terrace at 1140' at site of Quackenbush Cemetery.
6. Oneonta - Kame terraces on Route 23 1 1/2 - 2 miles east of Oneonta at 1160' - gravel pit shows stratification.
7. Colliersville - Terraces one mile south of Colliersville at 1180'.
8. Goodyear Lake and Dam
9. Portlandville - Glacial moraine material on East side of Susquehanna. Just north of Portlandville many Kettle holes - Saddlebag Lake is a Kettle hole.
10. Index - Immediately north of Index - moraine material and Kettle holes - one is situated on west side of Route 28 1.7 miles south of Cooperstown. Oaks Creek contains much morainic material and many Kettle holes.
11. Headwaters of Susquehanna River are Otsego Lake at Cooperstown.

Along Chenango River

1. At Chenango Forks - irregular topography produced by glacial and glaciofluvial activity.
2. At Greene - elevated terrace at elevation of 1020'.
3. At Brisben - irregular topography produced by glacial and glaciofluvial activity - Kettle hole on east side of County Road 32 in southern part of Oxford Township.
4. Warm Lake is probably a Kettle hole.

5. Two miles south of Oxford - Irregular topography west of County Road 32 produced by glacial and glaciofluvial activity.

6. Two miles northeast of Oxford - Kame terrace at elevation of 1070'.

7. At Norwich - 1/4 of a mile north of Norwich on the east side of the Chenango River there is a buried peat layer 4' below the ground level. This has been dated at 9800 ± 300 years before the present (Rubin and Alexander, 1960).

8. At Sherburne there is an elevated terrace at 1140'.

Along Unadilla River

1. Mount Upton - 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 miles south of Mount Upton on the west side of the Unadilla River glacial and glaciofluvial features are present. A Kettle hole is situated 1000 feet behind the old Pine Woods School.

2. New Berlin - Between two and four miles north of New Berlin there is a kame terrace at an elevation of 1220' on the east side of the river.

3. South Edmeston - Between one and 2 miles north of South Edmeston there is another terrace at 1220' on the west side of the river.

4. Butternut Creek and Warten Creek - Both of these creeks enter Unadilla River from the east near Mount Upton and New Berlin respectively. Both of these creeks have many glacial and glaciofluvial features almost through their entire length.

Along Otego Creek

1. Terraces on east side of creek at 1140' - 1160' and gravel pit just west of Junction of Route 205 and 23.

2. Near Laurens - terraces at 1160' - 1180'.

3. North of Mt. Vision 1/2 mile terraces and Kettle holes at 1220' - 1240'.

4. South of Hartwick about one mile south Hartwick, terraces along Route 205 at 1340' - 1360'.

5. Otego Creek has its origin 2 - 3 miles north of Otego Creek.

Along Charlotte Creek

1. Morainic material between West Davenport and Davenport Center.

2. 1/4 mile south of Davenport Center there is a gravel pit in a Kame terrace which shows much cross-bedding and normal stratification. Many water worn pebbles.

3. Kame terrace 1/4 mile west of Butts Center. Shows cross-bedding and normal stratification.

4. At the east end of Otsego and Delaware Counties the valley becomes narrow. The creek has its origin three or four miles east of Charlotteville in Fox Vly in Schoharie County.

Along Schenevus Creek

1. Terraces at 1200' to 1260' on south side of Schenevus Creek between Cooperstown Junction and Maryland.

2. Small kettle holes southeast of High School in Schenevus on north side of Delaware and Hudson Railroad Track.

3. Valley becomes quite narrow at east end of Otsego County where Schenevus Creek begins. The bottom of the valley is at an elevation of 1480' and hills on either side are at an elevation of over 2300'.

Along Cherry Valley Creek

Some of the best glacial features are seen along County Road 35 which follows the east side of the valley and goes through Westville and Middlefield.

1. Terraces and morainic material are present 2 1/2 miles from Junction of Route 35 with State Route 166 just east of Milford.

2. A mile north of Westville there is hummoclay morainic material with numerous kettle holes.

3. Just north of Middlefield there is morainic material.

Along West Branch of Delaware

1. The West Branch of Delaware starts 2 - 3 miles north of Stamford.

2. East and west of Bloomville for two miles there are terraces at an elevation of about 1500' - morainic material and Kettle holes.

3. North of Delhi there is a terrace at 1440'.

4. Walton - four or five miles east of Walton between Route 10 and the river there is morainic material.

5. South of Walton about eight miles Cannonsville Reservoir starts, and obscures any glacial or glaciofluvial deposits if they are present.

Along East Branch of Delaware

1. East Branch of Delaware starts at Grand Gorge Station in a small pond and swampy area about 1/2 mile south of Grand Gorge.

2. Grand Gorge was cut when Schoharie River was dammed with ice and water flowed westward along Bear-Kill and then southward into East Branch of Delaware.

3. At Hubbell Corners and Roxbury there are terraces with stratified gravel.

4. West of Margaretville Pepacton Reservoir fills valley and obscures any glacial or glaciofluvial deposits if they are present.

List of Geological Features

As numerous outcrops of Devonian age rocks are present in the three county area, these will not be itemized, but generalizations will be made.

1. Redish colored sandstones, siltstones and shales imply continental deposition. They can be seen in much of Delaware County, southern Otsego County at higher elevations, and in southeastern Chenango County at higher elevations.

2. Greyish and greenish colored sandstones, siltstones and shales usually imply marine deposition, however, some of these are continental. These can be seen in any of the three county area but are the only rocks found in northern Otsego County (except for some limestone) and western Chenango County.

3. Limestones are found only in the northern most part of Otsego County and adjacent Schoharie County.

4. Plant fossils can be found throughout the area and especially in the continental deposits.

5. Stumps from the oldest known forest in the world may be seen on the west side of the bridge across Schoharie Creek just north of Gilboa Dam in Schoharie County.

6. Fossils of brachiopods, pelecypods and gastropods are common in the marine sandstones, sitstones and shales.

7. Cross-bedding and ripple marks are common throughout the three county area.

List of Fire Towers

The following fire towers provide excellent vantage points to see the post-Devonian peniplane or dissected plateau, and river valleys modified by glacial ice.

Chenango County

Berry Hill Tower (nine miles west of Norwich)

Delaware County

Bramley Mountain Tower (five miles northeast of Delhi)

Rock Rift Tower (six miles north of Rock Rift)

Twadill Point Tower (four miles north of East Branch)

Mt. Utsayantha Tower (2.5 miles southeast of Stamford)

Otsego County

Hooker Hill Tower (five miles north of Maryland)

Most of the towers are open from April to November and most are accessible by car. Usually the fire departments near these towers can give you further information. Visitors are welcome.

RESOURCE GUIDE

A. Lists of geological maps and lists of publications in geology and paleontology are available from:

New York State Museum and Science Service
State Education Department
Albany, New York 12224

B. The following publications are particularly useful in the tri-county area:

Broughton, J. G., and Others. Geology of New York State - A Short Account. Educational Leaflets Series No. 20. $1.00.

Fairchild, H. L. The Susquehanna River in New York, etc., 1925.

Rich, J. L. Glacial Geology of the Catskills. 1935. $1.50.

Richard, L. V. and Zenger, D. H. Stratigraphy and Paleontology of the Richfield Springs and Cooperstown Quadroughs. New York: Museum Bulletin No. 396, 1964. $1.00.

C. Miscellaneous Resources

1. Set of 30 rocks and minerals described in educational leaflet No. 10 ($.25) may be borrowed for a period of one month from:

Lending Service
Museum Education Office
New York State Museum
Albany, New York 12224

2. Educational Leaflets are available at nominal costs.

3. A children's set of 20 rocks and minerals is available at a cost of $1.25:

   Sales Desk
   New York State Museum
   Albany, New York 12224

4. Augur's Corner Book Store, 73 Main Street, Cooperstown, Phone: 607-547-2422. Has good selection of U. S. Geological Survey Maps. These show old district schools, churches, graveyards, back roads, homes and buildings and many other interesting physical and man made features. Available in two sizes for most areas ($.50 each).

5. Bill's Sport Shop, 11 Wall Street, Oneonta, Phone: 607-432-0921. Has good selection of U. S. Geological Survey Maps.

6. Local Topographical Maps

   Binghamton - Babcock, Hinds and Underwood, 174 Washington Street

   Downsville - Downsville Hardware and Building Supply

   New Berlin - Warren Prentice, Silver Lake - R.D.#2

   Sherburne - Bigelows Pharmacy

7. Topographic maps may be obtained from U. S. Geological Survey for $.50. Order these by map name from the "Topographic Index of New York" which is free on request from:

   Distribution Section
   U. S. Geological Survey
   1200 South Eands Street
   Arlington, Virginia 22202

8. Plastic Relief Map covering all of the tri-county area except the very southern most part of Delaware County is available.

   Order: NK 18-5 Binghamton, New York

   From: Department of the Army
   Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers
   San Antonio Field Office
   Building 4011 Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

   Cost $2.50 to county or state governments and schools, $4.00 to others. An index to other plastic relief maps is free on request.

9. County Road Maps may be obtained as follows:

   Chenango County Superintendent of Highways
   County Office Building
   Norwich, New York 13815 Cost $.75

Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
95 1/2 Main
Delhi, New York Free

Otsego County Department of Highways
Linden Avenue
Cooperstown, New York Free

10. Map showing fire towers may be obtained free by requesting "Outdoor Recreation Map of New York State" from New York State Conservation Department, Albany, New York 12226.

11. Geologic Map of New York State (The Hudson-Mohawk Sheet covers most of the tri-county area). This may be out of print:

    The State Education Department
    New York State Museum and Science Service
    Albany, New York 12224

12. Aerial Photographs of Chenango, Otsego and northern Delaware counties may be obtained from:

    Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
    Department of Agriculture
    Eastern Laboratory
    45 South French Board Avenue
    Asheville, North Carolina 28801

    Photos of southern Delaware County may be obtained from:

    Geological Survey
    Department of Interior
    Washington, D.C. 20242

    Local surveying firms might be able to help you select the photos you need.

D. Other Suggested References

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Fenneman, N. M. Physiography of Eastern United States. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1938.

Flint, R. F. Glacial and Pleistocene Geology. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1956.

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ARCHEOLOGY

Archeological Survey and Description of Resources in the PROBE Area

By F. J. Hesse

Resources available for archeological study in the counties of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego, may be divided into three categories:

1.) Organizations directly affiliated with the New York State Archeological Association;

2.) Private collections of artifacts and reference works;

3.) Public collections of artifacts and reference works.

In the first of these categories the tri-county area is fortunate to have two chapters of the New York State Archeological Association -- the Chenango Chapter and the Upper Susquehanna Chapter. Both are actively engaged in contributing beneficial information such as speakers, collections of artifacts, and guidance in methods used in archeological field work. All field work should be done under the supervision of trained and/or qualified archeologists to insure conservation of the site and to provide accurate interpretations of all discoveries.

The second source of archeological information, the private collector is important because he provides many varied samples of artifacts characteristic of this area (a list of known collectors is attached). Most collectors are very willing to show their artifacts and share their experiences. However, it should be noted that the majority of collectors are not archeologists which places some limitations upon their usefulness in archeological studies.

Finally the third category, public collections of artifacts and reference works, includes libraries, museums, and schools. (A partial listing of these institutions will be found at the end of this article). The artifacts displayed in these public collections is often a mixture rarely defined by cultural sequence. However, if one is acquainted with the projectile point types that represent various cultural phases in New York, he can interpret much of the material for himself. He can also enlist the aid of competent amateur archeologists or individuals who possess a knowledge of artifacts to help interpret such collections. It cannot be stressed too strongly that if one is truly interested in learning factual information about our archeological heritage, he must listen with a soft ear to the many tales of folklore that surround the common knowledge about our former inhabitants, the Indian. Reference works important to students of archeology will be found in most libraries in the area. Since it would be impractical to make a complete survey of all libraries in the tri-county area and their potential source of written archeological information, a list of books is mentioned in the attached Bibliography so that anyone interested can request materials from their nearest library. (Most librarians will arrange inter-library loans for books not in their collections). It is, no doubt, obvious that a knowledge of artifacts if needed before one can begin to assimilate and interpret the lithic (stone) remains that will be our main interest.

Projectile points are the most common of all artifacts and perhaps the most important, since it is from these artifacts we can begin to identify different cultures and various periods of time. In New York there are 27 basic types of projectile points. These points may be broken down into different groups that represent three major time periods in New York:

1.) Paleo - Indian

2.) Archaic - Early Archaic
    Middle Archaic
    Late Archaic
    Transitional

3.) Woodland - Early Woodland
    Middle Woodland
    Late Woodland

The Clovis Point (a projectile point dating to 7,000 B.C.) characterizes the Paleo-Indian period. The Archaic Period (3,500 to 1,000 B.C.) is a time in which hunting, fishing, and food gathering were the primary means of subsistence. One of the more important parts of this period is the Transitional stage which represents the initial usage of stone pots and a development from them to early ceramics. The third period, the Woodland, saw the full development of ceramics and agriculture.

Archeological evidence suggests a scanty Indian population of the Upper Susquehanna during historical times. Some contact camps have been found at Otsego Lake, another may have been at the Goodyear Lake power dam while still another was at Otego Creek. However, the only positively identified historical sites that the writer can vouch for, based on excavation and artifact study, are as follows:

1.) The Old Fort at Sidney, New York, located on the east side of the river three quarters of a mile above the old confluence of the Unadilla and Susquehanna Rivers.

2.) The village site at Windsor, New York, also on the east side of the river, about one mile above the present village of Windsor. Both of these sites have yielded artifacts that prove conclusively direct European influence. Metal tools made of iron and brass have been found. Glass trade beads, predominantly the opalescent type, and European crockery have been recovered.

The Chenango River was more open to historical Indian settlements and probably these sites of historical note can be traced to the Oneidas of the Iroquois Nations.

Throughout the three counties of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego, archeological evidence points to facts that reveal a near continuum of habitation of this area since the Pleistocene era. Habitation as early as 9,000 years ago is quite likely, as attested to by the discovery of the Clovis fluted points scattered over the area. Literally every basic point type representing various cultures known to have lived in New York State has been found in the three counties. Hundreds of sites have been discovered, and an untold number of artifacts have been picked up and/or dug from this tri-county area over recent years. All of this archeological evidence suggests that this was a favorable geological area, abundant in natural food supplies, with good water and a fair climate. Perhaps the only major drawback for our ancient occupants was the lack of a good chert supply. The most frequently utilized local source of chert was of nodules of flint which had been deposited here during the Glacial Period. Since the area afforded a poor supply of chert, obtaining good quality chert necessitated traveling distances. Thus we have, either by trade or travel, a variety of lithic material represented in the artifacts of our area that are not native. Some of these materials are jasper (from Pennsylvania), mottled Onondaga chert (from central and western New York), Normanskill flint (from the Hudson River Valley), rhyolite and argillite (from Pennsylvania), steatite (from either Pennsylvania or eastern New York), and high grade chalcedony (from Ohio). These flints were taken from quarries where they could be found in the form of outcroppings, usually located in areas where limestone is common. Such flint quarries can be found in central and western New York, the middle Hudson River valley and Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

The materials most commonly used in the manufacture of artifacts were stone, bone, antler, wood and shell. The most durable of these being the lithic materials. Plant fibers, such as hemp, were used. Raw copper in the form of nodules was also utilized. Knives, spears, celts (axes), and other articles (including ornaments) were made from this material.

A variety of artifacts were produced besides the common projectile. Knives and scrapers are to be found in abundance. Hammer stones and net sinkers are frequently recovered along the Susquehanna. Flint drills and pins were also manufactured. Stone axes, such as celts, are common along with the more prevalent adze and chipped stone chopper. Pestles and mullers used for grinding food stuffs may also be found, as well as their counterparts: mortars and matates. Other miscellaneous artifacts such as beads, shafting stones, pendants, gorgets, pots, pipes, birdstones, bannerstones, and bar amulets are among the rarer items. Many of these artifacts can be placed chronologically in affiliation with certain cultural phases in particular time periods. Others were in general use throughout prehistoric times. The Upper Susquehanna was inhabited predominantly by prehistoric peoples who knew nothing of the white man. This fact is proven by the archeological evidence of the many artifacts and sites that have been found throughout this area.

In conclusion, it should be emphasized that the beginning student of archeology should not undertake any field work or excavations without supervision from professional archeologists. Too often, scientific information is lost or overlooked by the beginner, eager to find artifacts, because he lacks sufficient knowledge of interpretation. We all should be aware of the responsibility we have to preserve all archeological information, however small it may seem. This can only be accomplished by following the procedures set forth by the professional archeologist.

Public Buildings Where Artifacts May Be Viewed

1.) Cooperstown Indian Museum - Peter Correy, Director.

2.) Hartwick College Library, Oneonta, New York - Yager Museum

3.) Mt. Upton Central School

4.) New Berlin Public Library

5.) N. Y. S. College of Education at Oneonta, New York

6.) Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, N. Y.

7.) Otego Free Library

8.) Stamford Public Library

9.) Upper Susquehanna Historical Society, Oneonta, New York

10.) New York State Historical Association Research Library, Cooperstown, N. Y.

Private Individuals with Artifacts to Be Viewed*

1.) Charles S. Colburn, R. D. #3, Oneonta, N. Y., Tel. 432-3449, member of the Upper Susquehanna Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents over 800 prehistoric artifacts collected locally. Some of the outstanding pieces are: antler harpoon, large Genesee spear, steatite pot lugs and sherds, large stone pendant, and green slate pipe stem modified to a jangle. Collection is cataloged.

2.) Stanford J. Gibson, 29 Sunset Drive, Norwich, N. Y., Tel. 334-4407, member of the Chenango Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A., and Pennsylvania Archeological Society. Collection represents 12,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: pipes, Paleo artifacts, Iroquois bone items, and Iroquois pots. Visits by appointment.

*Contact for appointments.

Private Individuals, continued

3.) Everett Goldsmith, Center Street, Franklin, N. Y., Tel. 829-5441, member of the Upper Susquehanna Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents over 1,000 artifacts of both historic and prehistoric origin, collected locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: bannerstones, large spears, pendant, rare bone awls and bone tools, axes, and other stone tools. Collection is cataloged, and is displayed so that it can be easily seen.

4.) F. J. Hesse, 138 Main Street, Otego, N. Y., Tel. 988-6322, member of the Upper Susquehanna Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents about 5,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected both locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: birdstones, pipes, Paleo-Indian items, rock shelter material, polished stone artifacts, and fetishes. Cellection is cataloged, and is displayed so that it can be easily seen.

5.) Mr. Howard Hoaglaud, Davenport, N. Y., Tel. 278-5713, member of the Upper Susquehanna Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents about 300 prehistoric artifacts collected both locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: stone mortar, spears, Paleo-Indian items, and flint projectiles. Collection is cataloged and is displayed so it can easily be seen. Visit by appointment.

6.) Gaston Isliker, R. D. #1, Unadilla, N. Y., Tel. 563-7376. Collection represents 6,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected both locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: semilunar knives, spears, moonstones, gouge, stone and pottery vessels, pipes, stone tools, and bone tools. Collection is displayed so that it can be easily be seen. Visits by appointment.

7.) Donald Kilmer, R. D. #1, Hamden, N. Y. 865-4709. Collection represents over

200 prehistoric artifacts, all collected locally on the Kilmer Farm. Material is representative of the Owasco culture. Some of the outstanding pieces are: pipes, drills, sinewstones, and pot sherds. Collection is displayed so that it can be easily seen. Visits by appointment.

8.) Jasper H. Partridge, R. D. #3, Bainbridge, N. Y., Tel. 967-3955, member of the Morgan Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents nearly 3,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected both locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: large collection of pottery jars and pipes, beads, effigys, and polished stone articles. Collection is cataloged, and is displayed so that it can be easily seen. Visits by appointment.

9.) Gally Reed, 221 Bird Avenue, Sidney, N. Y., Tel. 563-5421, member of the Upper Susquehanna Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents about 6,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected both locally and outside the immediate area. Some of the outstanding pieces are: platform pipe, three-holed gorget, grooved adz, drilled stone disc, large collection of beads, and combination celt-sinew. Collection is displayed so that it can easily be seen. Visits by appointment.

10.) Theodore Whitney, New Berlin, N. Y., Tel. 847-9119, member of the Chenango Chapter, N.Y.S.A.A. Collection represents about 4,000 artifacts of both prehistoric and historic origin, collected locally. Some of the outstanding pieces are: preserved fabric from 9oo A.D., and type set of N.Y.S projectile points. Typed pottery sherds, and a special collection of some 400 slides on archeological excavations at many sites. Collection is cataloged, and is displayed so that it can be easily seen. Visits by appointment.

11.) Miss Ann Willis, 10 Beaver Street, Stamford, N. Y., Tel. 652-2601. Collections represents about 200 pieces of prehistoric artifacts collected both locally and from the southwest U. S. Some of the outstanding pieces are: pestle, chert projectile points, preserved fabric, and large ovate knife. Visits by appointment.

Artifact Identification

Plate 1

A. Gorget - material - banded slate; use - problematical (possibly a hair ornament); generally used during the early and middle Woodland stages.

B. Clovis fluted point - material - chert; use - javelin or spearpoint head; used during the Paleo-Indian period. (7000 B.C.)

C. Pitted hammerstone - material - usually local cobblestones; use - pounding; used throughout all stages.

D. Celt - material - schist; (other hard stone was also utilized); use - weapons and woodworking tools (this should not be confused with the adz); used throughout most stages.

E. Corner-notched point of the Brewerton type - material - chert; use-javelin head; used during the Middle Archaic stage.

F. Flint pin - material - chert; use - probably a clothes or hair fastener; this particular specimen used during late Woodland.

Plate 2

G. Pestle - material - stone; use - crushing or pounding substances in mortars; common throughout Archaic and Woodland stages.

H. Pendant - material - usually of a hard stone, quite often slate; use - ornament; common during the Woodland stage.

I. Bone fishhook - material - bone; use - fishing; used from Early Archaic to Late Woodland.

J. Harpoon - material - antler; use - fishing; used from Middle Archaic to Late Woodland.

K. Pop-eyed birdstone - material - banded slate; use - problematical; used during Early Woodland.

Plate 3

L. Scraper - material - chert; use - working of wood and hides; used throughout all stages.

M. Knife - material - chert; use - cutting tool; basic forms were used throughout all stages.

N. Plumet - material - granite; use - possibly used in connection with fishing paraphernalia; used during the Middle Archaic.

O. Full-grooved axe - material - hard stone; use - weapon or woodworking tool; used from Middle to Late Woodland. Not common in New York State.

P. Stone bead - material - sandstone; use - spearhead; used during Middle Archaic (This particular example is of the Genesee type).

Plate 4

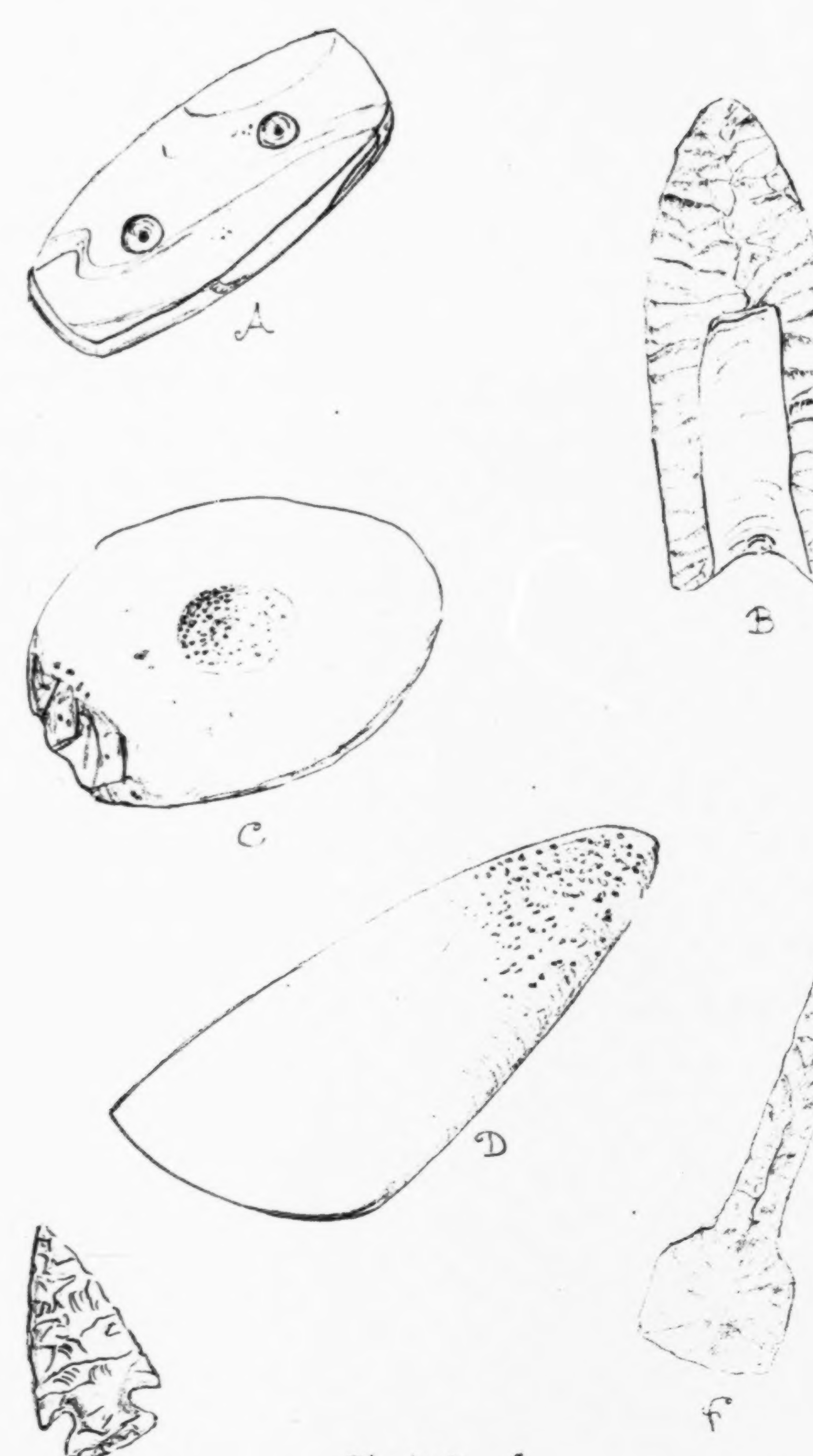
R. Atlatl weight - material - both hard and soft stone were used; use - part of a spear throwing device; used mostly during the Archaic.

S. Pottery effigy - material - terra cotta; use - this particular specimen adorned a castellation on a pottery vessel; used during Late Woodland.

T. Smoking pipe - material - terra cotta; use - smoking; used from Early Woodland to historic times.

U. Effigy pipe bowl - (stem missing) material - terra cotta; use - smoking; used from Early Woodland to historic times.

V. Fetish - (bird) material - soft stone; use - magico-religious charm; used from Late Woodland to historic times.



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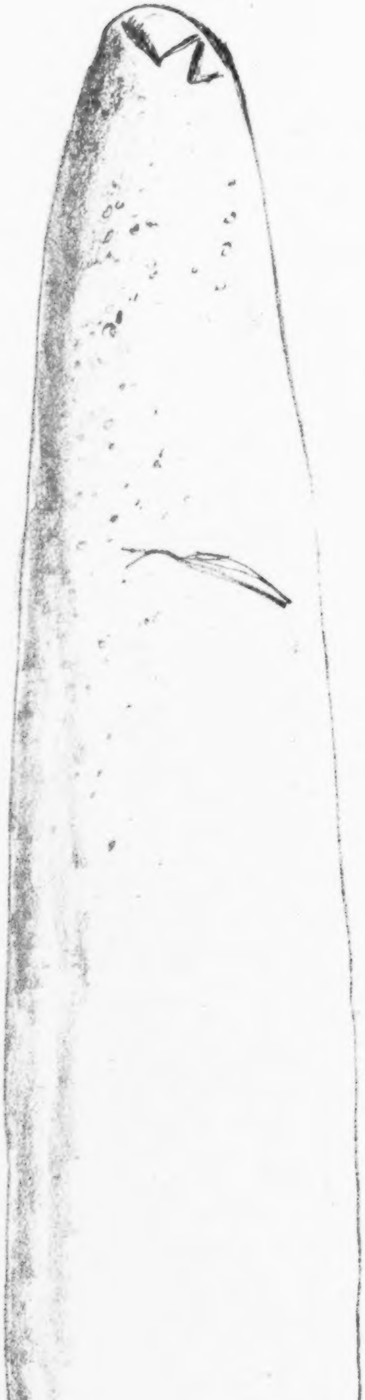

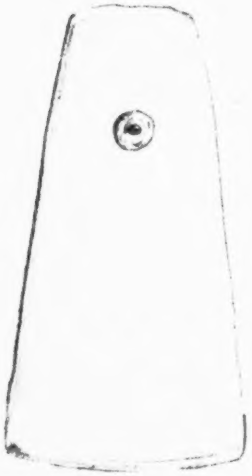

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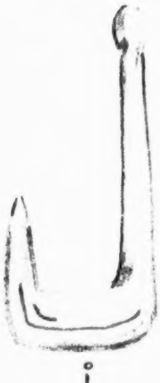

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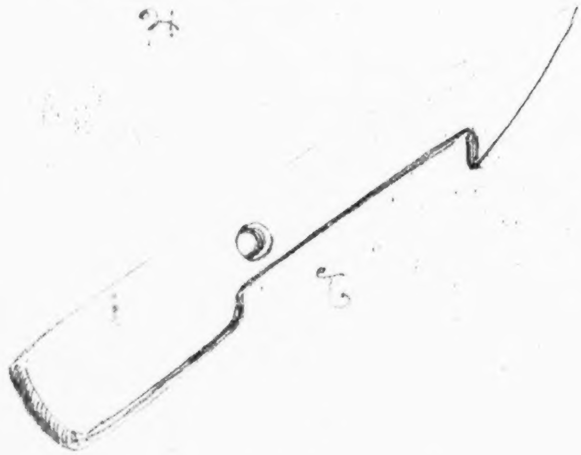

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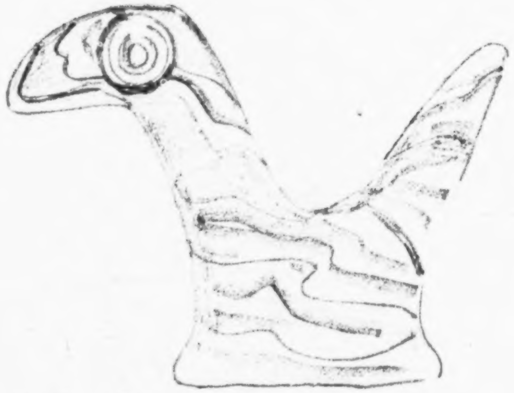

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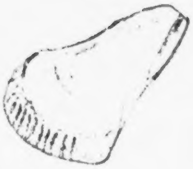

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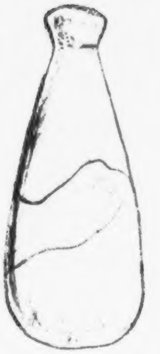

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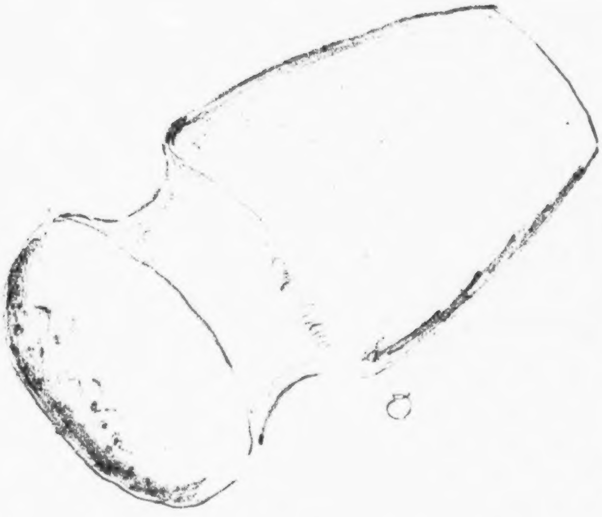

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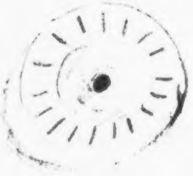

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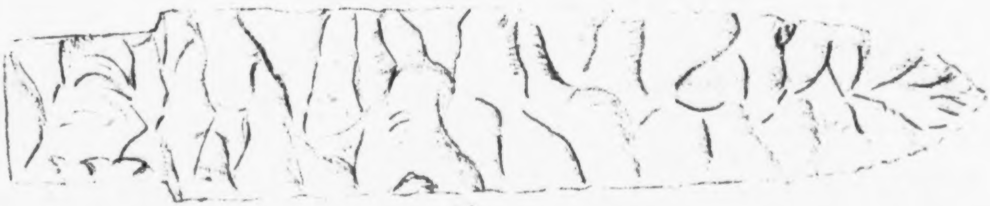

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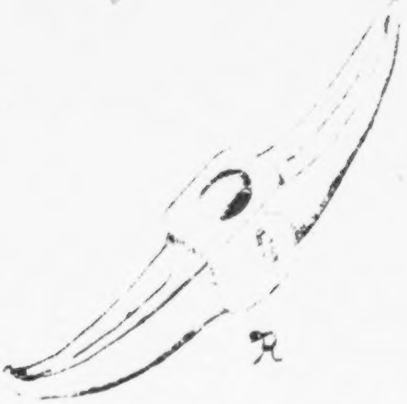
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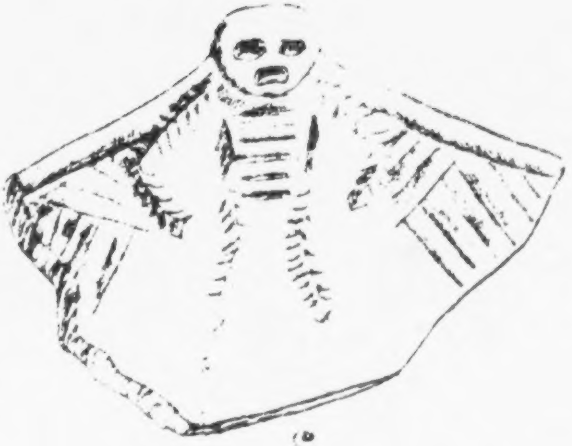
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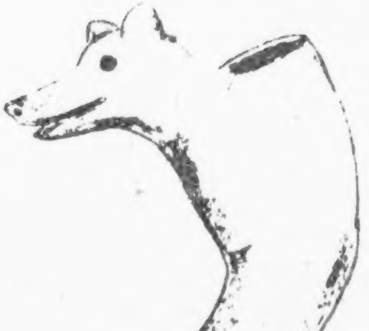
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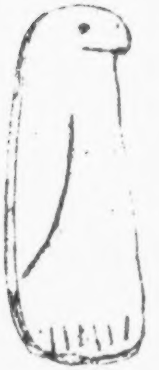
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POLITICAL

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INTRODUCTION

County Political Structures in the PROBE Area

The political structure unit which follows is broken into two major parts. Part I is a written description and model of Otsego County Government. Part II includes two political structure models - one of Delaware County and the other of Chenango County. A tape, produced by James Gill, accompanies the two models in Part II and is available for reproduction at the Title III Centers mentioned in the introduction. A list of significant people who may aid in research and/or act as resource people is also included in Part II.

PART I

Otsego County Governmental Structure

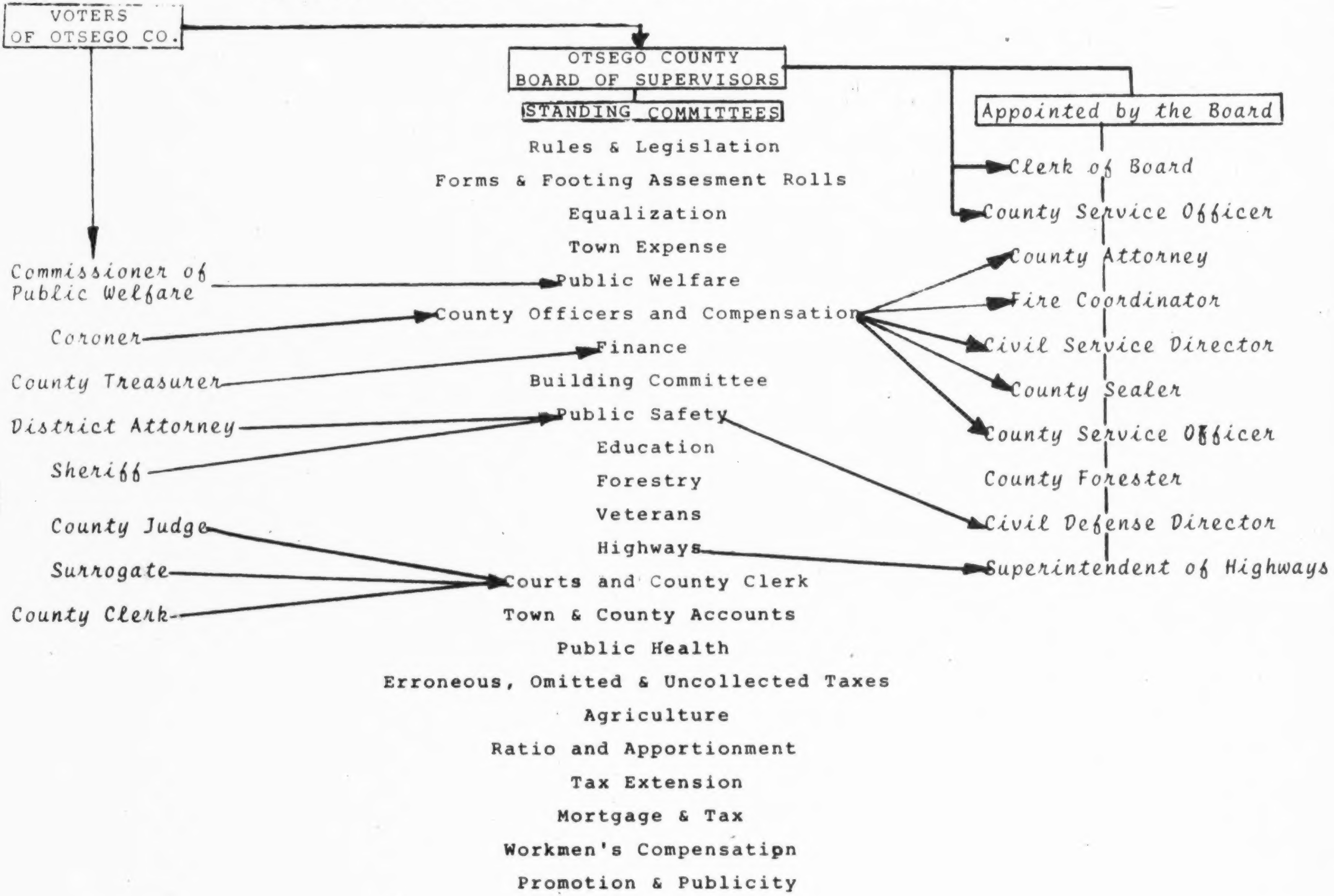
OTSEGO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The responsibility for county wide governmental operations rests in the hands of a twenty-five (25) member Board of Supervisors. These supervisors are elected representatives of the various towns in Otsego County. Although reapportionment will make changes in the structure of the Board, the functions will remain very much the same.

These Board functions are outlined in a small pamphlet, Otsego County Board of Supervisors - Rules of Order. This sixteen page booklet establishes meeting procedures and standing committees. Under Rules of Order the Board Chairman, elected from and by Board members, appoints, with Board consent, standing committees. The committees consist of three members except for nine members each in the Equalization Committee and the Committee on Forms and Footing of Assessment and four members on the Committee on Public Welfare. Each committee's duties and areas of responsibility are outlined. At present there are twenty-three standing committees. (The twenty-third committee has been added since the last publication of Rules and Order and thus has not been given an official number.)

In addition to the Board there are a number of elected or appointed officials who Generally operate independently of the Board although they do make annual reports and are responsible to a specific standing committee. The organizational flow chart included herein indicates the elected or appointed officials and their relationship to standing committees.

OTSEGO COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE - 1968


VOTERS OF OTSEGO CO.
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STANDING COMMITTEES
Rules & Legislation
Forms & Footing Assesment Rolls
Equalization
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Public Welfare
County Officers and Compensation
Finance
Building Committee
Public Safety
Education
Forestry
Veterans
Highways
Courts and County Clerk
Town & County Accounts
Public Health
Erroneous, Omitted & Uncollected Taxes
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Tax Extension
Mortgage & Tax
Workmen's Compensatipn
Promotion & Publicity
Commissioner of Public Welfare
Coroner
County Treasurer
District Attorney
Sheriff
County Judge
Surrogate
County Clerk
Appointed by the Board
Clerk of Board
County Service Officer
County Attorney
Fire Coordinator
Civil Service Director
County Sealer
County Service Officer
County Forester
Civil Defense Director
Superintendent of Highways

STANDING COMMITTEES

What follows is a listing and brief description or indication of responsibilities of the Standing Committees which operate from the Board of Supervisors. More detailed information may be found in Rules of Order or Proceedings the Board of Supervisors of Otsego County published annually by the Board.

1. Rules and Legislation
    a. Contracts for printing
    b. New laws
    c. Amendments
2. Forms and Footing of Assessment Rolls
    a. Examine and verify assessment rolls
    b. Determine accuracy of rolls and show assessment liable for each tax levied in each tax district.
3. Equalization
    a. Investigates and reports ratio of assessed value of real property in each tax district to full value of property.
    b. Compile and tabulate a statement of the total valuations of taxable property within each tax district of County as a basis for the apportionment of State and County taxes.
4. Town Expense
    a. Considers audits of each town
    b. Report of town indebtedness
    c. Estimates of highway expenditures
    d. Matters relating to special district taxes.
    e. Reports of town officials filed with Board of Supervisors
5. Town and County Accounts

    Report the amount to be raised by the towns and city to reimburse the County for County expenditures.

6. Erroneous, Omitted and Uncollected Taxes
7. County Officers and Compensation
8. Building Committee
    a. Court House
    b. County Clerk's building
    c. County Jail and Sheriff's residence
    d. Leases for other county offices
    e. Fire Insurance on County building
9. Public Safety
    a. District Attorney
    b. Sheriff
    c. Justices
    d. Constables
    e. Deputy Sheriffs
    f. Police Officers
    g. Grand Jury
    h. Jail Inmates
    i. Penal Institutions
    j. Civil Defense
    k. Parole and Probation
    l. State Reform Schools
    m. Private Reform Schools
10. Courts and County Clerk
    a. Supreme Court (Civil)
    b. Supreme Court (Criminal)
    c. County Court (Civil)
    d. County Court (Criminal)
    e. County Judge

- f. Children's Court
- g. Court Library
- h. County Clerk as clerk of courts
- i County Clerk as registrar
- j. Surrogate
- k. Election Commissioners and expenses

11. Finance
    - a. State Taxes
    - b County Budget
    - c. Town Budgets
    - d. Bonded and Temporary Loans
    - e. Interest on County Indebtedness
    - f. County Lands
    - g. County Treasurer's office and work
12. Education
    - a. District Superintendents of Schools
    - b. Educational notices
    - c. Deaf-Mutes
    - d. Blind
    - e. Insane
    - f. Epileptics
    - g. Feeble-Minded
13. Public Welfare
    - a. County Commissioner of Public Welfare
    - b. Welfare Office
    - c. County Home
    - d. Outside Relief
    - e. Dependent Children

14. Public Health
    a. Hospitals
    b. County Laboratory
    c. Tuberculosis
    d. State Department of Health
15. Agriculture
    a. Farm Bureau
    b. Home Bureau
    c. 4-H Club Department
    d. Bovine Tuberculosis Control
    e. Bang's Disease Control
    f. Mange Control
    g. County Farm
    h County Fair
16. Veterans Affairs Committee
    a. Veterans Service Agency
    b. Veterans Burial and Headstones
    c Armory and Grounds
17 Highways
    a. County Superintendent of Highways
    b State and County Highways
    c Rights of Way for Highways
    d. County Line Bridges
18. Ratio and Apportionment

    Apportion to towns and city the share of State and County taxes to be born by each.
19 Tax Extensions
20. Mortgage Taxes

21. Forestry
    a. County Forests
    b. Soil Conservation Districts
22. Workmen's Compensation

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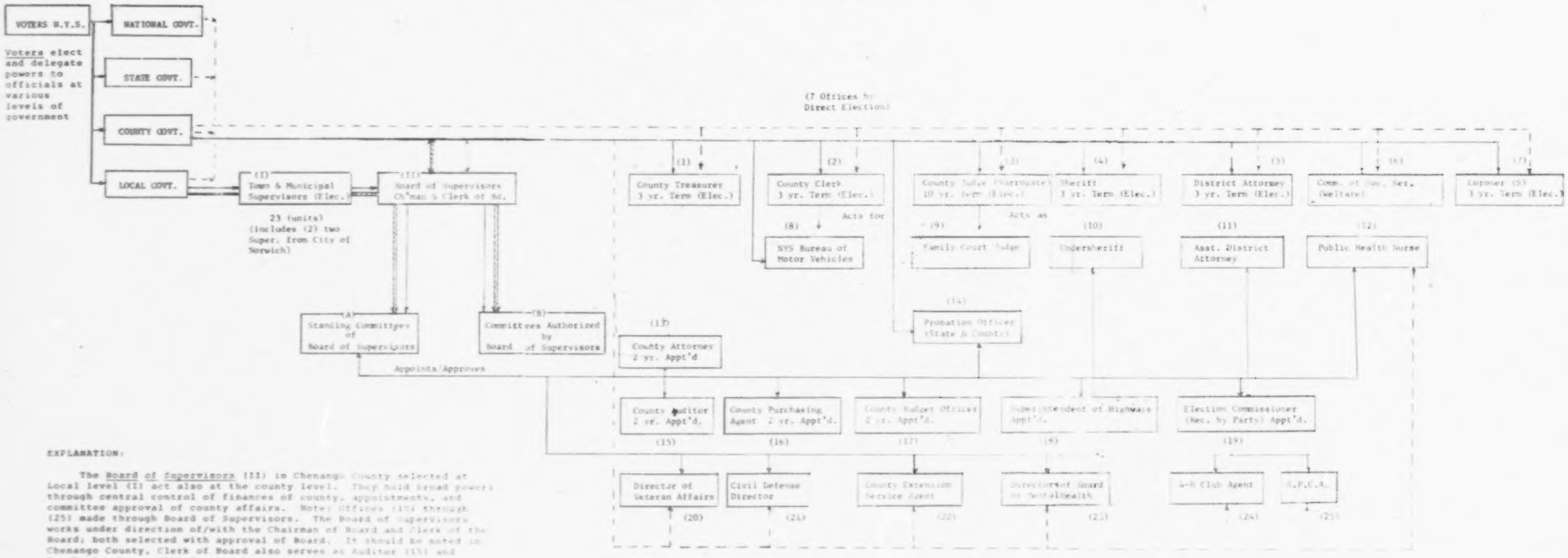
PART II

Chenango and Delaware County Governmental Structure

CHENANGO COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

(FLOW CHART) 1968



VOTERS N.Y.S.
Voters elect and delegate powers to officials at various levels of government
NATIONAL GOVT.
STATE GOVT.
COUNTY GOVT.
LOCAL GOVT.
(I) Town & Municipal Supervisors (Elec.)
23 (units) (includes (2) two Super. from City of Norwich)
(II) Board of Supervisors Ch'man & Clerk of Bd.
(A) Standing Committees of Board of Supervisors
(B) Committees Authorized by Board of Supervisors
Appoints/Approves
(7 Offices by Direct Election)
(1) County Treasurer 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(2) County Clerk 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
Acts for
(8) NYS Bureau of Motor Vehicles
(3) County Judge (Surrogate) 10 yr. Term (Elec.)
Acts as
(9) Family Court Judge
(4) Sheriff 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(10) Undersheriff
(5) District Attorney 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(11) Asst. District Attorney
(6) Comm. of Soc. Ser. (Welfare)
(12) Public Health Nurse
(7) Coroner (5) 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(13) County Attorney 2 yr. Appt'd
(14) Probation Officer (State & County)
(15) County Auditor 2 yr. Appt'd.
(16) County Purchasing Agent 2 yr. Appt'd.
(17) County Budget Officer 2 yr. Appt'd.
(18) Superintendent of Highways Appt'd.
(19) Election Commissioner (Rec. by Party) Appt'd.
(20) Director of Veteran Affairs
(21) Civil Defense Director
(22) County Extension Service Agent
(23) Director of Board of Mental Health
(24) 4-H Club Agent
(25) S.P.C.A.

EXPLANATION:

The Board of Supervisors (II) in Chenango County selected at Local level (I) act also at the county level. They hold broad powers through central control of finances of county, appointments, and committee approval of county affairs. Note: Offices (10) through (25) made through Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors works under direction of/with the Chairman of Board and Clerk of the Board; both selected with approval of Board. It should be noted in Chenango County, Clerk of Board also serves as Auditor (15) and Purchasing Agent (16) for 2 yr. terms.

Teachers should note and emphasize inter-relationships of different levels of government. County government tends to assist the process of decentralization of Government from higher levels. Aid, Assistance and Power at county level is derived from higher levels.

Students should be made aware of the role of the County Government and the services it provides. They should be encouraged to direct inquiries to the proper (A) Standing Committees of the Board of Supervisors for action or information. (All action must be moved through committee first.) Committees (B) are authorized or approved by Board of Supervisors, often act autonomously by delegated power of Board, and higher levels of government.

KEY:

Aid & Assists by Law - - - →
Elects or Appoints ——→
Derives Power ══→

(A)

Standing Committees of Board of Supervisors

1. Agriculture, Forestry, Parks
2. Bills and Claims
3. Budget
4. Buildings and grounds
5. Public Safety - C.D./Fire/Police
6. County - Officers, Civil Service
7. County Highway
8. County - Treasurer and Tax
9. County - Clerk and Elections
10. Legislative
11. Planning, Development and Capital Projects
12. Purchasing, Inventory
13. Supervision, Rules, Policy
14. Social Services (Welfare)
15. Health
16. Miscellaneous

(B)

Committees/Authorities Approved by Board of Supervisors

1. Traffic Safety County Board
2. Public and Mental Health
3. Planning Board
4. Sewerage Board
5. County Extension Service Board
6. Conservation Committee

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DELAWARE COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

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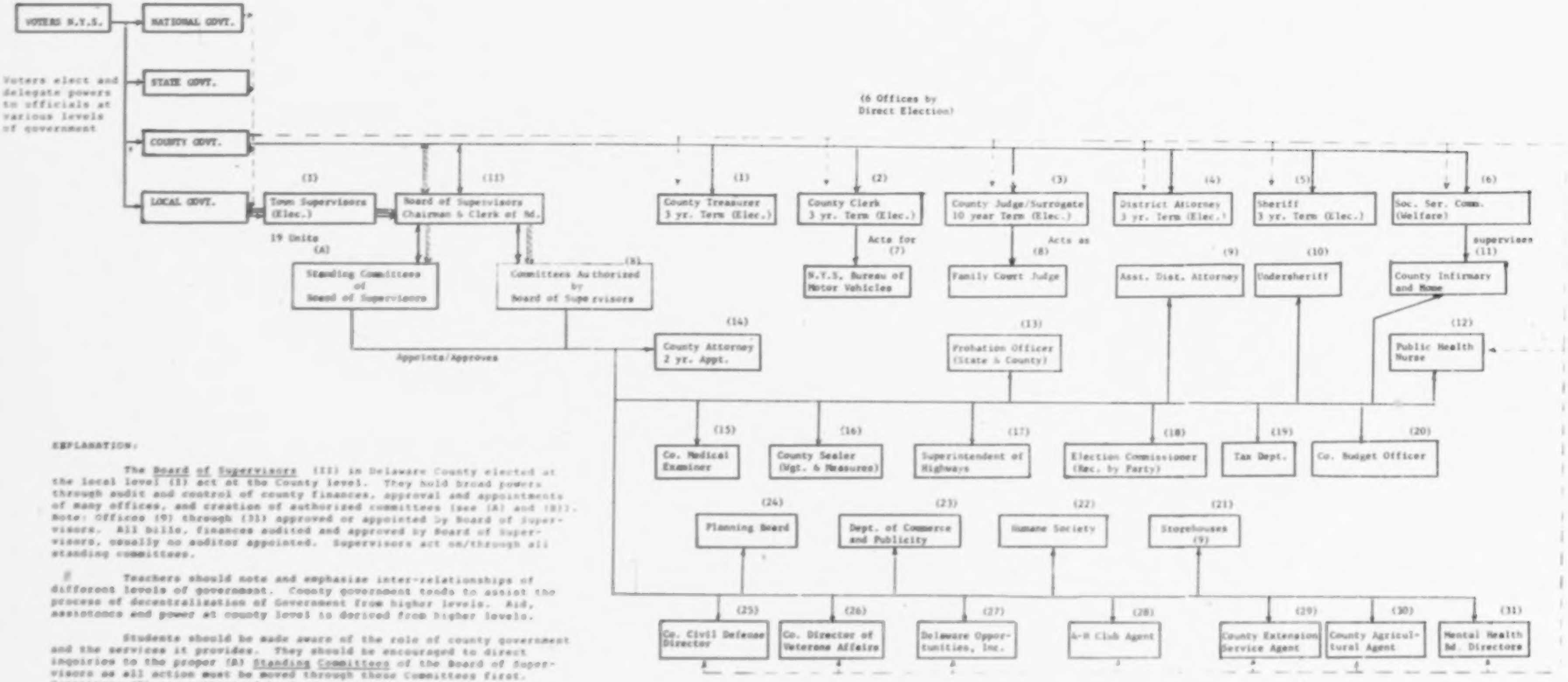

VOTERS N.Y.S.
NATIONAL GOVT.
STATE GOVT.
COUNTY GOVT.
LOCAL GOVT.
Voters elect and delegate powers to officials at various levels of government
(6 Offices by Direct Election)
(I) Town Supervisors (Elec.)
19 Units
(II) Board of Supervisors Chairman & Clerk of Bd.
(A) Standing Committees of Board of Supervisors
(B) Committees Authorized by Board of Supervisors
Appoints/Approves
(1) County Treasurer 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(2) County Clerk 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
Acts for (7)
(7) N.Y.S. Bureau of Motor Vehicles
(3) County Judge/Surrogate 10 year Term (Elec.)
Acts as (8)
(8) Family Court Judge
(4) District Attorney 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(9) Asst. Dist. Attorney
(5) Sheriff 3 yr. Term (Elec.)
(10) Undersheriff
(6) Soc. Ser. Comm. (Welfare)
supervises (11)
(11) County Infirmary and Home
(12) Public Health Nurse
(13) Probation Officer (State & County)
(14) County Attorney 2 yr. Appt.
(15) Co. Medical Examiner
(16) County Sealer (Wgt. & Measures)
(17) Superintendent of Highways
(18) Election Commissioner (Rec. by Party)
(19) Tax Dept.
(20) Co. Budget Officer
(24) Planning Board
(23) Dept. of Commerce and Publicity
(22) Humane Society
(21) Storehouses (9)
(25) Co. Civil Defense Director
(26) Co. Director of Veterans Affairs
(27) Delaware Opportunities, Inc.
(28) 4-H Club Agent
(29) County Extension Service Agent
(30) County Agricultural Agent
(31) Mental Health Bd. Directors

EXPLANATION:

The Board of Supervisors (II) in Delaware County elected at the local level (I) act at the County level. They hold broad powers through audit and control of county finances, approval and appointments of many offices, and creation of authorized committees (see (A) and (B)). Note: Offices (9) through (31) approved or appointed by Board of Supervisors. All bills, finances audited and approved by Board of Supervisors, usually no auditor appointed. Supervisors act on/through all standing committees.

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Students should be made aware of the role of county government and the services it provides. They should be encouraged to direct inquiries to the proper (A) Standing Committees of the Board of Supervisors as all action must be moved through these Committees first. Committees (B) are authorized by law/approved by the Board of Supervisors, often act autonomously by delegated power from higher levels of government.

Delaware County has one major exception in offices filled by election; that is, office of Coroner is appointed by Board of Supervisors under title of (15) Medical Examiner.

KEY:

Aid & Assists by Law — — →

Elects or Appoints ——→

Derives Power ━━→

(A)

Standing Committees by Board of Supervisors

1. Finance
2. Highways
3. Bridges
4. Mortgage Tax
5. County Employees Compensation
6. Board of Supervisors
7. Judicial
8. County Treasurer
9. County Clerk
10. County Attorney
11. Civil Service
12. County Sealer
13. Board of Elections
14. Veterans Service
15. Building Department
16. Public Safety
17. Health
18. Social Services
19. Correction
20. Commerce and Planning
21. Natural Resources
22. Authorized Agencies*
23. County Printing
24. County General
25. County Insurance
26. Tax and Equalization
27. Reapportionment

(B)

*Authorized Committees

1. Public Health
2. Soil Conservation
3. Mental Health
4. Fish and Wildlife
5. Forest Practice Board
6. County Extension Service
7. Delaware County Planning Board
8. Resource, Conservation and Development

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Resource Aids

The following are significant people who may be contacted by appointment for aid in research concerned with local government.

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4. Kenneth Axtell, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Delaware County, Court House, Delhi, New York. 607-746-2603
5. Dennis Shea, Political Science, State University College at Oneonta, Oneonta, New York. 607-432-6332
6. Al Duncker, Political Science, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York.
7. Edwin Moore, Local Historian, 164 Main Street, Oneonta, New York.
8. Representative Samuel Stratton, House of Representatives Office Building, Washington D. C.
9. Assemblyman, Donald Mitchell, c/o Herkimer, New York.
10. Thomas Natoli, Oneonta City Chamberlain, Oneonta, New York. (Local fiscal management.)
11. New York State Office of Local Government, Washington Avenue, Albany, New York. Franklin Bridge, Director of Research.

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APPENDIX B

PROBE MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT THE RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Butterfield Tape. August, 1967.
Comments by the late Otsego County Historian Roy Butterfield about a variety of topics, some related to the Age of Homespun.

Examples of Music in the Age of Homespun.
A tape recording produced in September, 1967, by Margaret Cawley from the Music Department of the State University College at Oneonta, New York.

Field Trip Map and A Guide to Field Trips. September, 1967.
Guide book and map to aid teachers and their classes with plans for field trips in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties.

The Iron Rail. August, 1967.
The story of railroad construction in PROBE area as told through letters a boy of that period might have written.

The Iroquois. August, 1967; Supplemental Materials to the Iroquois, November, 1967.

An annotated bibliography of audio-visual materials for use with the study of the Iroquois.

James Y. Brown Unit. September, 1967.
A primary source unit which includes a teacher's guide, diary excerpts from the J. Y. Brown diary as well as his second and third wives, a 200 set of related materials, tapes and reprints of assorted related material.

Life in the Age of Homespun. February, 1968.
A bibliography of materials which might provide useful information for a study of life during the homespun era.

Newspapers: The Freeman's Journal, 1840. The Otsego Republican, 1840.
Composite newspapers reproduced from original 1840 (September to November, 1840) Cooperstown newspapers. Featured is the hard fought presidential campaign, sometimes known as the "Log Cabin Campaign", between Martin Van Buren and William Henry Harrison.

Politics in the Age of Homespun. January, 1968.
A bibliography of materials which might add depth to a study of American political life during the homespun days.

Supplementary Materials for the Social Studies - Tentative Syllabus Grade 11 - American History. January, 1968.

A bibliography of suggested materials for the new tentative 11th grade American History syllabus.

Transportation in the Age of Homespun. August, 1967.
A bibliography of materials for use with a study of transporation during the homespun period.

WHAT IS EXPERIENCING THE AGE OF HOMESPUN WITH J. Y. BROWN?*

Materials comprising this teaching unit fall into two general categories: 1) diary materials and 2) related primary sources. What is included in each of these categories is indicated below.

Diary Materials:

Excerpts from the Diary of James Y. Brown. (1841-1860)

Entire diary of Mary Ellen Myers Brown. (1842)

Entire diary of P. Cordelia Pease Brown. (1844-1846)

Tape recordings of selections from the diaries. (Loaned by request.)

2 x 2 slides showing the actual diaries.

Related Primary Sources:

2 x 2 slide series detailing Windsor Village: maps of village layout, town clerk's office, Windsor Standard, Windsor Free Library, the Susquehanna ford, and an architectural survey of Persis Brown's house.

2 x 2 slide series on local cemeteries (Riverside and Village in Windsor and Lester Cemetery in Lester, N.Y.). Included too are gravestone rubbins on known Brown graves. (Slides)

2 x 2 slide series of church records from the First Presbyterian Church of Windsor, New York, some in J. Y. Brown's handwriting.

2 x 2 architectural slide series comparing the two churches in Windsor which figure so prominently in the diaries.

2 x 2 slide series of sources in Binghamton: Binghamton Public Library, Roberson Memorial, and Broome County Courthouse.

2 x 2 slide series identifying sources for primary material.

Gravestone rubbings- made in or near Windsor, New York. (Actual rubbings made during research on the Brown's.)

Reprints of three church histories:
Compilations of Records (1876)
155th Anniversary (Essay, 1948)
165 Years Old (1958)

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*This page has been copied from the Teacher's Guide to Experiencing The Age of Homespun with James Y. Brown.

Taped condensed J. Y. Brown presentation. (Slides included.)

Taped folklife interview with Mrs. Lewis Bennett of Windsor, New York.

Tape of Music from the Age of Homespun. (Prepared by Margaret Cawley of the State University College at Oneonta.)

APPENDIX C

LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS IN THE PROBE AREA
(Available for Duplication)

1. Woodside Hall, Cooperstown
2. Riverbrink, Cooperstown
3. Lakeside, Cooperstown
4. Old Mill, Edmeston
5. Greek Revival Homes, Mt. Vision
6. Presbyterian Church, Springfield
7. " " "
8. Civil War Barracks, Later Hop Barn, Cherry Valley
9. Octogon Barn, Richfield Springs
10. Gilbert Lake State Park
11. Hartwick Seminary, Hartwick Seminary
12. Old Grainery, Index
13. Do-Line Railroad, Oneonta
14. Turner Tavern, Franklin
15. East Sidney Dam, East Sidney
16. Frisbee House, Historical Society, Delhi
17. Water Well, Frisbee House
18. Waterfall Site, South Delhi
19. Covered Bridge, Delhi
20. Delhi Square
21. Smalley Theater, Delhi
22. Second Presbyterian Church, Delhi

APPENDIX D

PHOTOGRAPH CATALOG

Collected by Carol J. DuBois, Spring 1968.

Catalog numbers are located on the back of the photograph - lower left. The initials identify the locale.

Photograph Catalog

CV - Cherry Valley
C - Cooperstown
RS - Richfield Springs

Cherry Valley

CV 1 Side view, stone Civil War Barracks (later hop barn). Lancaster Street.

CV 2 Front view, stone Civil War Barracks. Lancaster Street.

CV 3 Cannon at gate to Cherry Valley Cemetery. Site of Fort Alden, 1778, Rt. 166.

CV 4 Monument marking spot where Col. Alden died during massacre.

CV 5 Stone marker noting site of old church and stockade.

CV 6 Monument to memory of massacre victims.

CV 7 Monument to memory of the Rev. and Mrs. Dunlop, massacre victims.

CV 8 Front view of sulphur spring near monument park in Cherry Valley.

CV 9 Side view of sulphur spring.

Cooperstown

C 1 The Tyler House, 1790, the oldest home still standing.

C 2 Pomroy Place - also known as the Herringbone House. Dates 1804 and original owners initials (GAPC) appear on east end. (George Pomroy and Ann Cooper.) Built by James Allen for Judge William Cooper as a gift to his daughter and son-in-law.

C 3 Lakelands. Built in 1804 by John M. Bowers.

C 4 Riverbrink. Built in 1850's. Site of hanging yard.

C 5 Tomb of James Fenimore Cooper.

C 6 Stone bank building built in 1831 as the Otsego County Bank. Now houses offices of the Clark estates.

C	7	Marker to memory of Sullivan-Clinton Campaign. Main Street Bridge over Susquehanna River.
C	8	Fenimore House - Museum operated by the New York State Historical Association. Built in 1932 by Edward Clark on site of homes belonging to Justice Samuel Nelson and James Fenimore Cooper.
C	9	Otsego County Court House.
C	10	Otsego County Clerk's Office.
C	11	National Baseball Hall of Fame Library.

Richfield Springs

RS	1	Well site for Tunnicliff Mill and home. Main Street, Richfield Springs. Office of Architect Myron Jordon in background.
RS	2-5	Views of Proctor Memorial Room, Richfield Springs Public Library.
RS	6	Sulphur Spring. Main Street, Richfield Springs.
RS	7	Beardsley monuments - Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Richfield Springs.
RS	8	Tunnicliff monument - Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Richfield Springs.
RS	9	Site of G. R. T. Hewes grave. (Member of Boston Tea Party.) Lakeview Cemetery, Richfield Springs.
RS	10	Close up of monument to G. R. T. Hewes.
RS	11	House at Federal Corners. (Just south of Richfield Springs.) Dated to 1790's.
RS	12	Close up of RS 11, showing detail of house front.
RS	13	Across from RS 11 at Federal Corners. Also dates to 1790. Built by Lemuel Vibber - owner of twelve forge blacksmith shop.
RS	14	Small stone out building near Vibber house (RS 14).
RS	15	Civil War Monument in Monument Park, Richfield Springs.
RS	16	World War I, II, and Korean Conflict Monument, Monument Park, Richfield Springs.
RS	17	St. John's Episcopal Church, Main Street, Richfield Springs.
RS	18	Geological survey marker embedded in the wall of fomer Universalist Church, now synagogue of Adas Israel. Church Street, Richfield Springs.

APPENDIX E

SOME RESOURCES IN THE SHERBURNE LIBRARY

The Sherburne Library, East State Street, Sherburne, New York, has many excellent books and scrap books concerning the history of Sherburne and the surrounding area. Below are some of the most interesting books and reference materials:

Early Years in Smyrna and Our First Old Home Week by George Munson. Chenango Union Press.

Excerpts from the above:

First settlers - 1792 - Joseph Porter and wife. Wife died soon after arrival and was buried beside an Indian family.

Second family - Joseph Tobey and wife. Arrived March 3, 1793. On May 7, 1793 Jerusha Tobey was born. He was the first white child born in the town.

The book is fascinating reading. The early settlers, their problems and ways of living are discussed in a very readable way. Seventh grade students would love it!

The Story of Pitcher Springs by Mabel Hagen.

This is a type-written account of how the discovery of mineral springs caused a community to spring up. It includes the story of the discovery of the springs and of the cholera epidemic which made the springs famous all over New York State and some of the nearby states in 1832.

There are excellent descriptions of the coming of early families, their hardships, occupations and family life. There is a very good description of the early school - page 63 (1832-44). There are copies of the minutes of the early school meetings which are most interesting.

It is interesting to note that the population in early times was 250; in 1954 it was six people and today I could not find anyone who actually lives there. The springs can be seen but one has to be carefully directed. However, they are covered with stones and no use is made of the mineral water.

The Chenango Canal by Barry Beyer - 1954.

The 1850 Census of Sherburne

A History of the Village of Sherburne - Illus. 1896 - John Gomph.

William Smith and Lady by Katherine Roof. Note: This is a biography of the William Smith who married Abagail Adams and gives the reason why she is not buried with him in the Sherburne cemetery.

Scrap Books - There are several of these containing very worthwhile material on the history of Chenango County and Otsego County. Also, there are many books containing the minutes and activities of the [illegible] D.A.R.

APPENDIX F

TAPE RECORDINGS

1. Mrs. McCollister of Westville, New York, discusses local history.
2. Louis J. Holmes of Westford, discusses local history.
3. Mrs. Stoddard of Delhi, discusses local history. 5/10/68
4. Mrs. Sheldon of the Cannon Free Library in Delhi discusses the library's holdings and the history of the library.
5. Howard Davidson, Delaware County Historian, Bovina Center, New York.
6. Mrs. Lulu May Finch, discusses Franklin history of significant events.
7. Sinclair Archobald, 100 year old man. 5/9/68. Discusses local history and significant events.
8. Peter Delaney discusses the Carriage and Harness Museum, Cooperstown, New York.
9. James Gill; Discussion of Political Science Structure in Delaware and Chenango Counties.

APPENDIX G

The following are some selections translated by Mrs. Evelyn Hawkins from Jonas Babcock's Account Book. Please note that the translation was difficult to read, and that there may be discrepancies in different interpretations of the dialogue.

The Cover Partridgefield July 30th 1709...Jonas Babcock account book bought in the July the 30th 1792 in the 16th year of American independence and the year of...

Page 33 1795 Partridgefield, January Oliver Whatkins debtor column headed months and days another final column at the right pound shilling and pence by cash for hay 0/18/0 Oliver Watkins credit buy half a ton of hay at $6. per ton 0/18/0 2298 each again new heading Worchester May 10, 1797 debtor Thomas Sawyer buy 1/2 lb. of tobacco 0/1/0 buy 1 pr. taps for his shoes 0/2/0 buy 3 yds. and 1/2 of hollon at 6. pr. yd. 1/1/0 buy 3 yds of tobacco 9 pence buy 1/2 lb. of tobacco o/1/o/ July buy cast 0/4/0 Aug. buy an axe 0/12/0 Aug. buy cash 0/8/0 Oct. buy 2 yds. tobacco and a cake of soap 0/0/10 buy Eaton making your wife 1 pr. shoes 5/0 by paying Tod 4/4/0 Worchester June 10 or after c 1804 debtor total of the other column with 71.....7 Timothy Chase a debtor buy 5 yds. and 1/2 toe? cloth at I'll go back thats dollars and cents buy 5 yds and 1/2 of toe? cloth at 3 and 6 pr yd. 240 by cactor? hat 4/0/0 buy 3 yds and 1/2 hollon at 5 shillings per yd. 233 no I imagine that is 23 and 1 3 is crossed out buy cloth for overalls 17 by swapping horses 12 Sept. by paying outfield? for Earl 2/0/0 total $25.90 Credit by labor $25.90

Page 34 York currency Partridgefield Feb., 1795 Anson, Kinny debtor months and days again buy 1 axe 9 shillings 4 pence Cherry Valley in the state of NY April buy a pocket.....7 shillings July buy 2 days work on your barn 0/10/0 Aug. 5 buy axle grease your wagon and axle trees? 2 at 6 pr axle 12 shillings Oct 17th buy paying Roger Watkins 1 lb. s shillings Oct 1796 to money lent 14 shillings Jan 13th buy 1 days work on your barn door 0/6/0 18 by making your sheigh at home 1/4/0 Feb 3 Bea Samuel sleigh 1/8/0 by carrying a load to Albany 3/0/0 Aug. buy 1 side.....0/1/6 Sept. 14th by helping make your leash 1 day 0/8/0 No leash are the pearl ash leash and when you lease the water to the ashes. 15 by helping your leash leaches 1 day 0/8/0 by hewing timber for your house 1 day 0/8/0 . June by paying Mr. Walton for his somekind of farm 0/3/6 Feb. 17 1797 buy three dollars cash 1/4/0 buy 2 augards 1 4 and 3 1 4 and 4 of an inch at 1 shilling per quarter.../7/0 As an aside we had an auger factory in the town of Scheneves they were that important buy one drawing knife 0/4/0 May buy the use of my plow 6 days at 2 per day 0/12/0 Aug by pearling your pearl ash 0/16/0 buy white barrel of pearl ash at 3 lbs. per hundred by Lemuel Fletcher 1/6/0 buy 7 bushels wheat cropping out and....at 10 shillings pr bushel 3/10/0 buy Crawford breaking my hand saw 0/0/0 January 17, 1798 by 1 days work on your sleigh 0/6/0 Feb. 3, 1796 Ashton Kinney credit now these figures on the side I don't know by 1 yd and 1/4 of broadcloth at 30 shillings per yd. 1/17/6 by cash 0/12/0 by 3 lbs and 14 uunces of towel 0/4/0 by 3 yds of cotton cloth 2 10, 0/2/10 the total in these was 0/8/6 by Benjamin Chafe day 12/6 by 1 lb. pea and razer and 1 second saw by swapping horses 0.0.0 by wagon 9/2/0 by pot ash......4/0/0

Page 51 Cherry Valley Nov th 1796 Ebel Godard debtor lbs, shillings pence again by 109 lbs of beef at 2 per hundred 2/3/9 credit by cutting timber 2/0/0 debtor by leather in soles and heal lifts 0/1/6 credit by labor 2/5/3 and a total 2/5/2 Worchester Nov. the 1797....Write credit by 3 days pearling for me no this is dollars and cents no longer pence shillings pound.....3.00 March 1798 by an axe July by pearling 1 night at Drapers 50¢ by dragging 2 days 200 charging a dollar a day credit by ballance this is a total of 7 and then credit of 218 Worchester 1800 Eli Tyler debot by.....and mason 12 Aug by 1/4 weight 143 at 424 and 2 1/4 per lb. 056 Sept. by butter 5 lb and 1/2 at 1 per lb. 56 Oct. by hog 1120 by 3 lbs of butter 3 lbs. at 13 and that is 39 Dec. by 3 lbs. of butter at 13 039 March 1801 by 9 lbs. 6 oz. of butter 130116 back to lbs. shillings and pence again by an order on Mr. Moore 17/6 May by 2 bushel of wheat by Ed Write o/18/0 Oct 9th by 175 obls of live hog at 4 per lb. 2/18/4 by 2 shillings by Pennella his daughters name 0/2/0 Jan. the 18 1803 This day Leonard Ann settled all accounts from the beginning to this day and there was found due to Eli Tyler 13 shillings and 7 pence as witness I have Eli Tyler Jonas Babcock

Page 52 Worchester April 18th the 1798 Edward Write debtor by 7 days and 1/2 work hewing and framing your house at 8 shillings per day 2/18 Feb. 2 1801 Joseph Darling debot by 9 bushel and 1/2 of wheat and then fine print Joseph Darling Credit by 9 bushel and 1/2 wheat Worchester Sept 16, the 1805 Dean Chase Debtor by cash 19 lbs o/o May by leather for Jarret a pair of shoes 1 July by Jarret money at Cooperstown o/25 by Jarret money for training 50 Eli Tyler debtor April 14 and 15th 1807 pound by two days work on your mill 0/14/0 got seven shillings that day. by mending your plow 4 shillings. Oct. 1810 by harom horse and wagon 1 day 8. I think Harom was his son. Jan. 1811 by carrying on.....to Albany 3/3 blank Feb. 1811 by carrying 41 bushels and 24 lbs. wheat to Albany at 2 lbs. 6 per bushel 5/4/0 Debtor Charles Mason Oct. 16, 1810 by cash 10/0/0..... Jan. 1811 by money..... .....18 Feb. by cash 5 by a note on yourself 27.....April 15, by sawing 318 ft. of pine 75 1809 by cash 1 April 1811.

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1795 Partridgefield January
oliver Watkins Dr

		£	s	d
[illegible]	by Cash for hay	0	18	0
	oliver Watkins Cred			
	by half ton of hay at six dollar pr tunn 12 9s	0	12	0
	Worster May 10 the 1797 Dr			
	Thomas sawyer			
	by one half lb tobacco	1	1	0
	by one pair [illegible] shoe	0	2	0
	by three yd of hollon at 6/ pr yd	1	1	0
	by three [illegible] tobacco	—	—	9
		0	1	0
	by half pound tobacco	0	4	0
July	by Cash			
August	by [illegible]	0	12	0
	by [illegible] shoes	0	4	0
	by making a shirt altering your over halls	0	8	0
August	by Cash	0	8	0
oct	by two yd tobacco and a cake of soap	0	0	10
	by Eaton making your wife one pair shoes		5	0
	by paying Todd	4	4	0
		7	11	7

1 9
3 6
19

Worcester June 10 the 1804 Dr
Timothy Chase Dr

		dol	Cnt	
	by 5 yd one half tow Cloath at 3s and 6d pr yd	2	90	
	by Caster hat	4	1	0
	by 3 yd & half hollon at 5/4 pr yd	2	33	
	by Cloath for overhalls	1	25	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	
	by swopping horses	2	0	
Sept	by paying alpheus Earl			
		$ 25	90	
	Cred by Labour	25	90	

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york Currency 1795
Partridgefield february
anson Kinne Cr

		£	s	d
month day	by one ox	0	9	
	Cherry Valley in the state newyork			
April	by a pockat pistle		7	
July	by ten days work on your barn	0	10	0
August 5	by extrea your wagon and [illegible]	0	12	0
October 17	by paying Roger Watkins	1	8	0
october 1796	to moving Lent	0	14	0
January 15	by one days work on your [illegible]		6	0
18	by making your sleigh at home	1	4	0
february 3	by making Samuel sleigh	1	8	0
	by carrying a load to albany	3	0	0
august	by one syth smith	0	1	6
Sept 14	by helping make your leaches one day	0	[illegible]	
15	by helping make your leaches one day	0	2	0
	by hewing timber for your house one day		8	0
june	by paying mr Walton for his cow farm	0	3	6
february 1797	by three Dollars cash	1	4	0
	by two augers 1¾ 1¼ & for inches & [illegible]	0	7	0
	by one Drawing knife	0	3	
may 9	by the use of my plough six Days at 2/ pr day	0	12	
august	by pearling your pearlash	0	16	
	by one barrel of pearl ash at £ [illegible]		[illegible]	
	by Samuel Fletcher	1	8	
	by seven bushel ~~[illegible]~~ at ten shilling pr	3	10	0
	by Crofoot's breaking my hand saw			
January 1798	by one day work on your sleigh	0	[illegible]	0
	february 3 1797			
	anson Kinne 25 Cr			
1797	by one yd and quarter of broad Cloath at 30 shillings pr yd	1	17	
19 96				
21 96	by ~~[illegible]~~			
	by three lb [illegible] fourteen ounces tallow	0	4	
	by 3 yd of cotton Cloath 2/10	0		
Sept	by Benjamin Chase half Day			
	by 1/2 lb tea an [illegible] and one peck of salt			
	by swopping horses			
	by wagon			
	by potash kettle			

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Cherry Valley November the 1796
Ebel Godard Dr £

	by 109 of Beef at 20s pr hundred	2	3	9
	by by cutting timber	2	6	6
	by Leather in Sols and heallifts	0	1	6
	Cred by Labour £	2	5	3
		2	5	3

Worcester November the 1799
Edward Wright Cr

		Dol	Cent	
	by three days Searching for me	3		
March 1798	by an axe	1	50	
July	by Searching one Night at Drapers		50	
May	by Draging two days	2	00	
		7	0	
	Cred by Ballance	0	2	
	£	2	18	1

Worcester the 1800
Eli Tylor Dr

	by Capt Mason	1	2	
August	by one quarter wt 14 ¾ at 4½d pr pound		5	6
Sept	by Butter 5 pound and half at 1/ pr pound		5	6
october	by a hog	1	12	0
	by three pound butter 3 lbs at 1/3		3	9
Decem	by three lb Butter at 1/3	0	3	[illegible]
March 1801	by Nine pound and six ounces of butter at 1/3	0	11	6
	by an order on Mr Moore		15	6
May	by two Bushel of Wheat by Edwright	0	18	0
october 9	by 1 hundred and 75 lb of live hog at 4d pr pound	2	18	4
	by two shilling by Pamela	0	2	0

January the 12 day 1808 this day Reckoned and settled all accounts from the begining to this day and their was found due to Eli Tylor thirteen shillings and seven Pence as witness our hands

Eli Tylor
Jonas Babcock

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Worcester April 18 the 1798
Edward Wright Dr £

	by seven days and half work hewing and framing your house at 5s pr day		18

Febbruary 2 A 1801 Joseph Darling Dr
by Nine bushel and half wheat

Joseph Darling Cr
by nine bushel [illegible]

Worcester Sept 16 the 1805
Dean Chase Dr

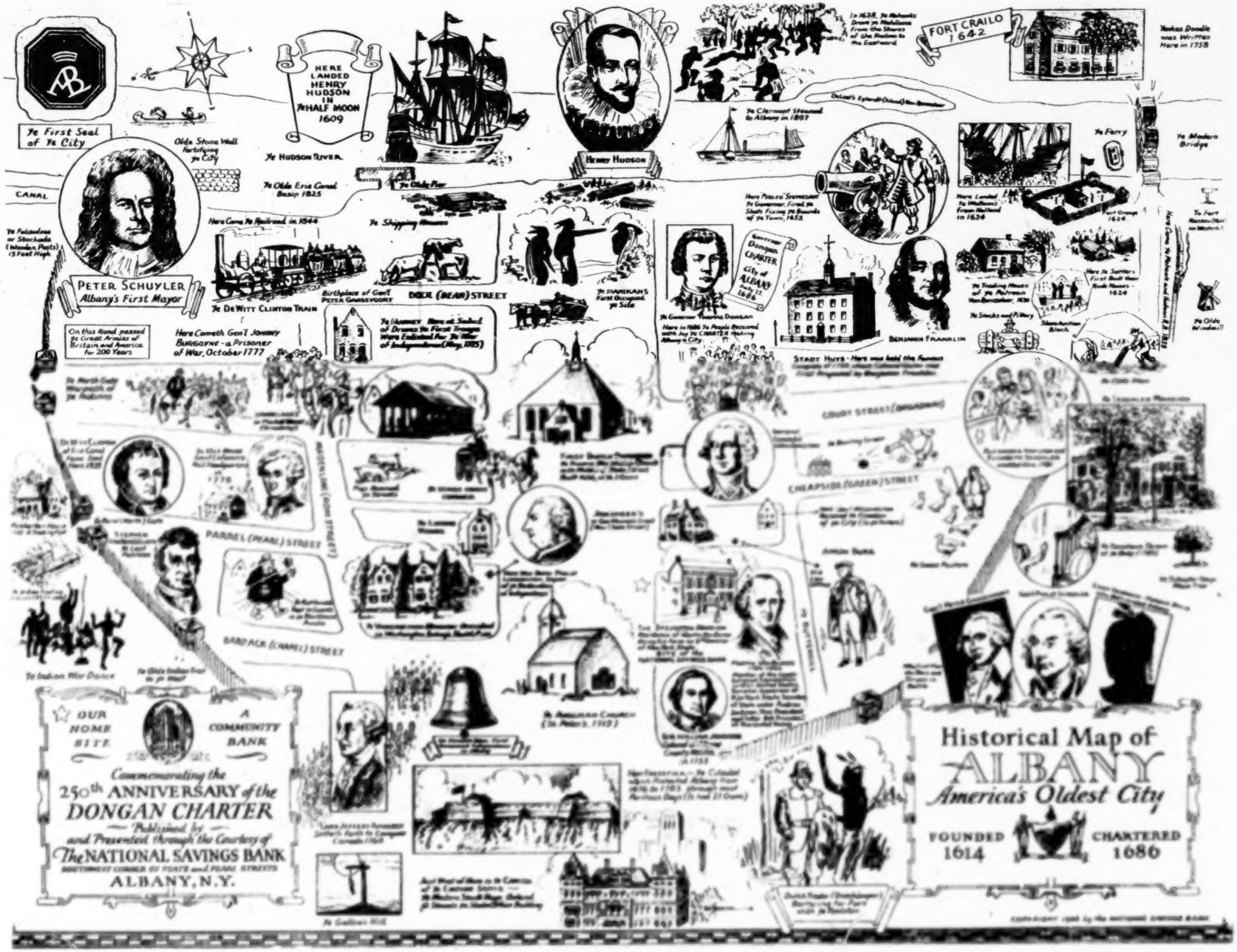
	by Cash	19	
may	by Leather for Jareds pair Shoes	1	25
July	by Jared money att Cooperstown		50
	by Jared money for training		

	Eli Tylor Dr April 14 and 15 × 1807 £	0	14	0
	by two days work on your Mill		4	0
	by mending your plough		8	
Oct 1810	by Hirams horse and waggon one	3	3	
Janua 1811	by Carrying a load to Albany			
feb	by Carrying forty bushel and twenty four lb wheat Rope to Albany att 2/6 pr bushel	5	4	0

[illegible] Ellison oct 15 181[illegible]

	by Cash	10	
Janua 1810	by money and sleigh whip	18	
		5	
february	by cash	27	50
	by a note on himself		
	by sawing 318 feet of pine		
April 15 1809	by cash	1	

April 1811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Olde Stone Wall fortifying ye City
Ye HUDSON RIVER
CANAL
Ye Olde Erie Canal Basin 1825
Ye Olde Pier
Ye Palisadoes or Stockade (Wooden Posts) 13 Feet High
Here Came Ye Railroad in 1844
Ye Shipping Houses
Ye DeWitt Clinton Train
Birthplace of Gen'l Peter Gansevoort
DOCK (DEAN) STREET
Ye MANIKANS First Occupied ye Site
On this Road passed ye Great Armies of Britain and America for 200 Years
Here Cometh Gen'l Johnny Burgoyne - a Prisoner of War, October 1777
Ye Clermont Steamed to Albany in 1807
In 1628, Ye Mohawks Drove ye Mohicans from the Shores of the Hudson to the Eastward
FORT CRAILO 1642
Yankee Doodle was Written Here in 1758
Ye Ferry
Ye Modern Bridge
Here "Peg Leg" Stuyvesant ye Governor, Fired ye Shots Fixing ye Bounds of ye Town, 1652
Here Landed Ye Walloons From Holland in 1624
Fort Orange 1624
To Fort Nassau
Ye Governor Thomas Dongan
Governor Dongan CHARTER City of ALBANY July 22 1686
Here in 1686 Ye People Received with Joy Ye CHARTER Making Albany a City
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
STADT HUYS - Here was held the Famous
Ye Trading House of ye Patroon
Ye Stocks and Pillory
Slave Auction Block
Here Ye Settlers First Built their Bark Houses - 1624
Here Came Ye Mohawk and Hudson R.R. 1831
Ye Olde Windmill
COURT STREET (BROADWAY)
CHEAPSIDE (GREEN) STREET
PARREL (PEARL) STREET
BARRACK (CHAPEL) STREET
1776
Ye Indian War Dance
Ye Gallows Hill
Ye Anglican Church (St. Peter's, 1715)
Ye BUTTERMILK
Dutch Trader (Handelaar) Bartering for Furs with ye Indian
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APPENDIX H

The St. Johnsville Enterprise News a few years ago published an account of Adam Helmer's heroic run of September 16, 1778, made to save the German Flats settlers from Brant's raiders. Helmer's run was successful and only two of the people of the western Mohawk Valley settlements met death when the red and white savages destroyed houses, barns, and crops. "Adam Helmer's Famous Run" is the work of Mrs. Mildred R. Staunton, a teacher at Mount Vernon and a great-great-grand daughter of Scout Adam Helmer...

Before the publication of Mrs. Staunton's description, there had been many versions of Helmer's run--as to where it started, and the route taken. Her account now clears up the discrepancies and contradictions and the argument over the feat made famous in the popular novel, "Drums Along the Mohawk." One of these, which affected the length of Helmer's run, or seemed to, was the statement in the Gov. Clinton papers, Vol. 4, P. 39, that Helmer lay in bushes "about nine miles south of German Flats and saw the enemy pass." This was so but the brief report mentioned does not say that Helmer had previously run about 25 miles, as Mrs. Staunton's account brings out.

Following is Mrs. Staunton's article in full:

"Question Over Helmer's Famous Run Is Finally Solved

The Following is an Authentic Account of Adam Helmer's Feat by a Descendant

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Start at Edmeston Manor, Southeast Outpost of Otsego Nearest Indian Stronghold"

"In the spring these brave people again planted their fields. Except for occasional attacks upon lonely farm dwellings no hostilities occurred in the valley until July 18, 1778, when some Indians and Tories attacked Andrustown and burned all but one house and killed or captured most of its inhabitants. A few survivors reached the forts under the cover of darkness and told harrowing tales of the atrocities witnessed. On the same day Springfield was destroyed and the few survivors fled to Cherry Valley.

With the winter ahead, crops had to be harvested or famine would complete the destruction begun by their enemies. Brant was known to be at Unadilla where his supplies were getting low. Since his usual method of obtaining food was by force, the colonists decided to send a squad of nine scouts, Lieutenant Adam Helmer being in charge, to the Unadilla valley to ascertain Brant's plans and to warn the outlying settlements if it appeared unsafe to finish their harvest. Meanwhile all able bodied men, women and children were toiling in the fields.

About two miles north of South Edmeston, on the east side of the Unadilla river is the historic old farm of Percifer Carr. This property, prior to, and during the Revolution, was known as Edmeston Manor, being part of a grant of land to Colonel Robert Edmeston for services rendered during the French and Indian wars. It consisted of 10,000 acres on the east side of the river and extended north to the section owned by the Tunnecliffes near Schuyler Lake. It lay on the southeast outpost, nearest to the stronghold of Brant and his Indians. An old trail led north along the ridges to Schuyler Lake.

These families were accused of Tory sympathies which was denied at least by the Tunnecliffes and the Carrs were actually taken to Canada by the Indians as prisoners. They were in a difficult position coming under Brant's influence and unable to adopt any other policy than the one pursued. Both families suffered heavily during the war.

In 1775 a band of strange Indians captured the Carrs and took them prisoners to Canada. Their house was burned as well as their barn and the grist mill on Carr Brook. Today one can still see the dam which was built across the creek several hundred feet up the ravine where a water wheel operated and can see places in the craggy walls of the gorge where rocks were hewn for cellar walls and chimneys. A huge weather beaten old willow still clings to the side of the old crumbling wall of the dam, where a stream of clear limpid water tumbles down into a deep dark pool. This tree is estimated to be well over two hundred years old. A few hundred feet to the north, farther up the hillside its venerable companion, an old oak badly shattered by wind and lightning. If these old trees could only speak, what harrowing, yet thrilling tales, would have rewarded my quest. As it is, about half a dozen terse military reports and some few other documents are the only visible sources of information in regard to what follows.

At this point the Unadilla river flows through a valley flanked on either side by a range of hills rising steeply to an altitude of about five hundred feet above a narrow plain in width from a mile to two miles. Today one can still climb up the old trail from the Carr home following the crest of the ravine through the pasture in which one passes the venerable trees mentioned above, and up to the woods which crown the hills, and thence north over the original trail for several miles. The first part of this trail follows the crest of the hills through what still remains of the old forest. Constant use as a road for hauling lumber and cord wood for nearly two centuries has kept it in fine condition. The remainder is dirt road which south of West Burlington has been abandoned for a few miles but farther on, near Burlington, coincides with a new highway which leads to the foot of Schuyler Lake.

Another interesting thing to be seen on this old farm is a wonderful spring of clear cold water issuing from beneath the roots of an old tree at the foot of the hill directly behind the site of the original Carr home. It was used by the Indians before the advent of the white people and is still in constant use. It was at this spring that the nine scouts were surprised by the Indians. Coming down off the hill as the red men did, the little party of scouts stood no chance against a horde of forty yelling savages and the survivors were driven into the river. In the confusion, Adam Helmer, who was fortunate enough to secrete himself beneath a pile of bushes, waited until the Indians had all passed and then began his famous run to warn his loved ones as well as his friends and neighbors, of their danger. From the spring on the Carr farm to Fort Herkimer it is at least thirty miles as the crow flies and to have zig-zagged along the old trails in order to reach the outlying settlements as tradition chronicles, must have about doubled the trip.

Residents of Unadilla Valley assure me that there is no doubt of his having followed the old trail from the Carr farm to Schuyler Lake and that he came down the west side of the lake. Tradition relates that he warned his sister, Maria, wife of Peter Hoyer at Andrustown and there received fresh footwear. The Augustinus Hess family states that he warned them at Columbia and that all escaped, except the old father Dennis who, spite of the warning, returned to the house for something and was shot as he left his gate. They all made their way to Fort Herkimer in safety. Mrs. Catherine Myers, then a child of ten years of age, who lived in the valley in that vicinity, leaves a vivid description as he came down into the valley just as sunset of that memorable day. She says that he came down what is now called Warren Road between the houses of Rudolph Shoemaker and Jacob Myers. She states, "Helmer's clothing was torn to tatters, his eyes were bloodshot, his hands and face and limbs were bleeding and lacerated from the effects of brambles and bushes through which he had forced his headlong flight. He halted only long enough to shout, "Flee for your lives. The enemy is not an hour behind," and hurried on to the next house.

On through the valley he sped shouting his warning at each house as he ran. When he reached the fort the big cannon coomed out its alarm to call everyone to its shelter. He made his report to Colonel Bellinger, commander of the fort stating that the squad of nine scouts was surprised at Edmeston and driven into the river and that he alone survived by hiding beneath some bushes and that he had made all possible speed to warn the settlers and that nine miles back up the hills he had hidden beneath a tree and counted more than two hundred of the enemy, which was less than half of their number.

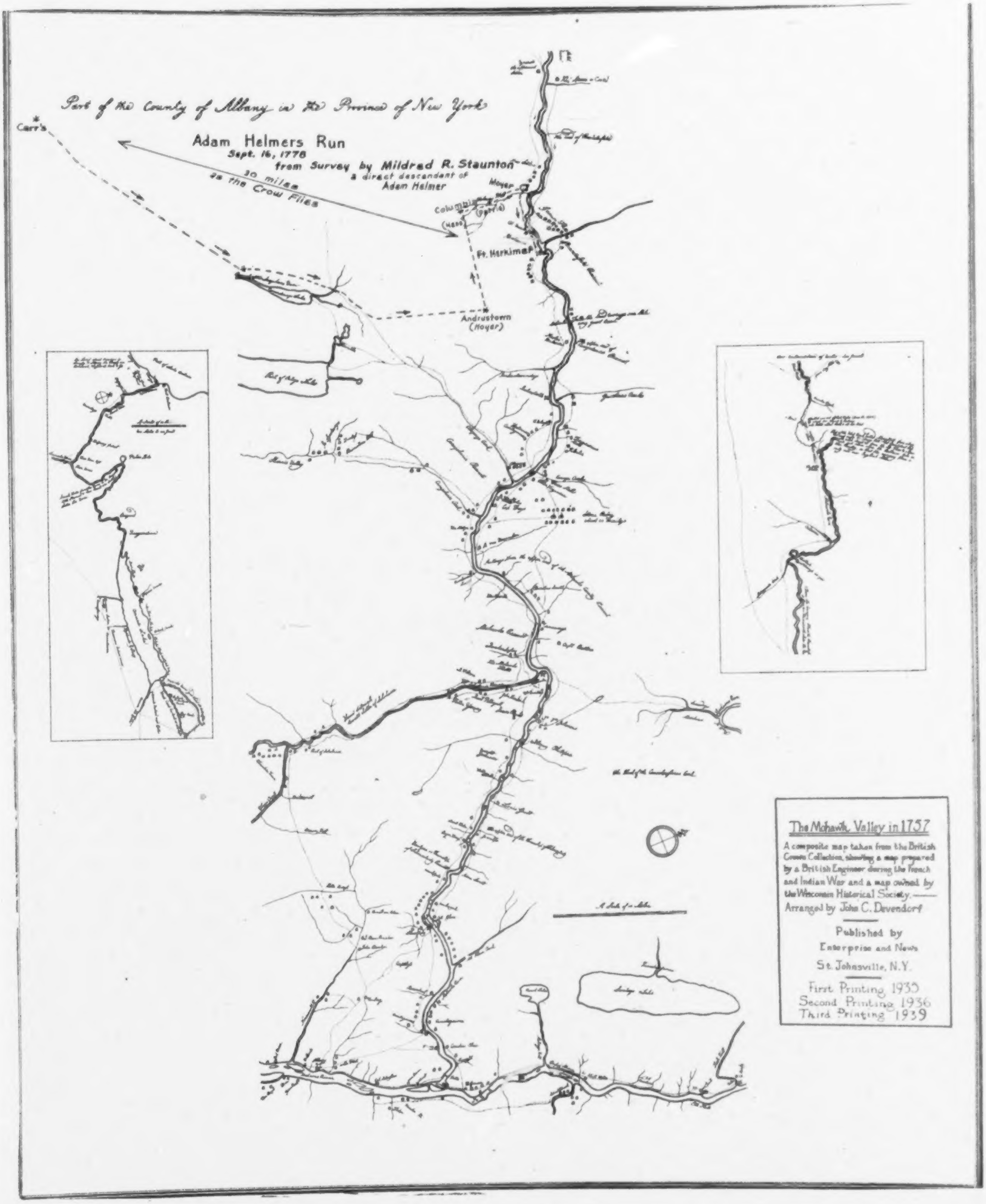
Fortunately a heavy rain began falling which hid the activities of the colonists from the Indians who made their appearance behind the Rudolph Shoemaker house just as the storm broke. They encamped in the ravine which extends back among the hills behind the Shoemaker and the Myers homes, partly in what is now the village of Mohawk and partly in the village of Ilion. This is still a wild uncultivated spot.

Meanwhile the exhausted Helmer, after a light meal, lay down upon and improvised bed in a corner and fell into a deep sleep of utter exhaustion. So sound was his sleep that the arrival of hundreds of his neighbors during the night did not disturb him. He slumbered on through the noise and excitement occasioned by the occupants of the fort being aroused before daybreak on September 17, 1778, by the burning of nearby houses and barns. All through that harrowing day he slept and when twenty-four hours had elapsed and he still could not be aroused the people began to fear that his superhuman exertion might prove his undoing and that he might never awaken. At last, after nearly thirty-six hours of unbroken rest, the resourceful Dr. William Petrie finally aroused him and gave him some nourishment.

Three days later the intrepid Helmer led a company of militia back to the Carr farm where they found three bodies of the scouts slain as they were surprised at the spring. These bodies were buried where found, and a monument marks their resting place although there has, to date, been no proof of their identities. It is reported that the militia overtook some Indians at this spring and fired upon them. Since, in later years, bullets have been found in the trees and that an old sword has been dug up in this vicinity, it would seem these facts give credence to that report. In reprisal, the colonists sent some friendly Oneida Indians into the field and they captured some ten prisoners and recovered a few head of cattle. This was but a trifle compared to the loss of 63 houses, 59 barns, full of grain, 3 grist mills, 345 horses, 229 horned cattle, 269 sheep, and 93 oxen.

As there is some difference of opinion as to the type of man Scout Adam Helmer was, I will give you a description by his grandson Lewis Crim, formerly of Weedsport, New York. He remembered his grandfather Helmer as a worn bent old man with blue eyes and white hair, who walked with a cane and could seldom be prevailed upon to talk about his exploits. Most of the material which I received from the Crim family came from Helmer's three sons-in-law, Henry Crim, Henry Passage and George Passage who delighted their children by describing Helmer in his prime and relating all his exploits. They claimed that he was slight and fair with blue eyes and light hair. He was about five feet eight inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. They pointed to the one young man in the family with great pride, as the one who most resembled him.

Very little is known in regard to the five other scouts who escaped the fury of the Indians at the Carr farm. There is no doubt but that each one did all he could to warn any stragglers among the hills as only one person besides Dennis Hess perished in that raid and that was a man named McGinnis who after receiving the warning, hid in his barn and was burned in it."


Part of the County of Albany in the Province of New York
Carr's
Adam Helmers Run
Sept. 16, 1778
from Survey by Mildred R. Staunton
a direct descendant of
Adam Helmer
30 miles
as the Crow Flies
Moyer
Columbia
(Petrie)
(Hess)
Ft. Herkimer
Andrustown
(Moyer)

The Mohawk Valley in 1757

A composite map taken from the British Crown Collection, showing a map prepared by a British Engineer during the French and Indian War and a map owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society.——
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Examples of Supplementary Primary Sources: Source, County Clerk Archives

General Inventory of Material in Basement of the Otsego County Clerk's Building:

1. Judgement Book 1818-1829 (divided into different Court terms). Justice Judgements. Pages are divided into sections as follows: Judgement against whom; favor of; how obtained; damages and cost; filed when; Attorney, date when satisfied. Collectors' bonds entered 1818-1820 and 1823-1828 for towns of the County: bonds against whom; in whose favor; account; date.
2. Justice Court cases 1816-1819: statements of cases; participants; lawyers.
3. Bail Book for Otsego County Court Common Pleas June 1799-February 1815. Parties' names; bail names and resident; before whom taken; when filed; when surrendered.
4. Bail Book for Common Pleas Court February 1815-June 1830, giving names of parties; names of bail; before whom acknowledged; when filed.
5. Books of Indentures (really mortgages) to loan commissioners as security for loan, with accounts kept at back of each. (Beautiful heading; nice paper; very large.)
6. Loan office minute books.
7. Election records for the several towns of the County 1814-1828, including statement of notes taken at the anniversary election for members of Congress for County of Otsego which commenced on Tuesday the 26th of April, 1814.
8. Election records 1828-1848.
   General Election held on November 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1828 returns.
   General Election held on November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1829.
9. Common Pleas Court Cases under Common rules, listed by lawyers defending:
   A. 1811-1814
   B. 1811-1815
   C. 1814-1816
10. Writes 1794 - many samples shown.
11. Coroners' Inquests 1799.
12. Minutes of Court of General Sessions 1792.
13. Minutes of Court of Common Pleas 1792.
14. Minutes of Court of Oyer and Terminer 1792.
15. Aliens Declaration and Oaths.
16. Bail process sample and number for a few years.

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